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PREFACE

This is the first of three volumes covering the period of the Anglo-Norman kings (1066–1154). The second and third volumes are far advanced, and will shortly be in the press. The object of the series is to give a calendar, chronologically arranged[1] and critically annotated, of the royal acts of the period, and of some cognate documents which are valuable for the historian. The first care of the editor has been to call attention to materials which illustrate the development of law and institutions. But the interests of the genealogist and the topographer have not been neglected. Pains have been taken to record the names of persons, and the more important names of places, which are mentioned in the documents. The collection includes charters issued in and for Normandy. Norman archives have not been searched for the purpose, since the Norman material is being collected by Professor Haskins. But it seemed advisable to calendar such Norman charters as have been printed or are to be found in English manuscripts; for many of these charters throw useful sidelights upon English history. A few letters and charters which do not emanate from the royal or ducal chancery, and which are not even attested by a sovereign, have been added on account of their intrinsic interest. It seemed best, for practical purposes, to cast a wide net in collecting materials, and to include any documents which were of obvious historical importance.

The present volume is the shortest of the three. The charters of William I and William II are relatively few; and they have attracted the curiosity of English and French scholars from the seventeenth century onwards. Still there are gleanings of unpublished material to be made, even for these reigns. It will be found that our appendix contains ninety-two documents, of which most are here edited for the first time. The second volume, containing the charters of Henry I, will be considerably richer in new

[1] In the present volume the order is not always strictly chronological; but this is an accident due to the fact that certain charters could not be finally dated till the whole series was in print.

documents. The charters of Stephen form a smaller and less valuable series; but the third volume will also contain the charters issued by the Empress Matilda and by Henry of Anjou in the years 1135–54.

No collection of this kind can boast of being definitive. But this calendar embodies the results of considerable researches among the manuscript sources to be found in the Record Office, the British Museum, the Bodleian Library, the muniments of Lincoln, Ely, Canterbury, York, Durham, and Westminster Abbey. From the responsible officials of these collections the editor has received much valuable information and counsel; it is not their fault if he or his helpers have failed to notice relevant documents. Whatever lacunae may be detected in the calendar, he hopes that it will at least serve as a basis for future research. And it may be claimed that, even where the calendar deals with material already known and printed, it will be found useful as calling attention to errors of the printed texts, as correcting accepted dates, and as discussing the authenticity of questionable charters.

The calendar was planned in 1904 by a group of Oxford mediaevalists, who at that time felt the need of such a guide to assist them in their private researches. The original idea was to make a hand-list of the printed documents; the persons interested were each asked to undertake the examination of some definite part of the relevant literature. The present editor undertook to direct the work and to co-ordinate the material. But the pressure of other duties prevented all but one of his collaborators from giving regular assistance, after the preliminary stages of the work were finished. Others, however, came to his aid; and owing to their friendly encouragement the scheme developed. He is under obligations to many scholars for copies of documents, for notices of printed material, and for critical observations. He would in particular offer his thanks to Mr. F. Morgan of Keble College; Professor Stenton of Reading; Mr. Craster of the Bodleian Library; the Rev. H. E. Salter of the Oxford Historical Society (who lent most liberally from his invaluable store of transcripts); Messrs. Crump, Fowler, and Johnson of the Public Record Office; Mr. K. Bayley, the keeper of the Durham muniments; Dr. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Wells; Canon Moore of Canterbury; Dr. R. L. Poole, the editor of the

English Historical Review. Professor Tait of Manchester and Professor Haskins of Harvard, U.S.A., undertook the thankless work of proof-reading, and gave inestimable help both in pointing out new materials and in criticizing the calendar. Last, but by no means least, Mr. R. J. Whitwell, one of the original band who projected the calendar, has assisted continuously in the search for documents, and has compiled the index of places. It is to be feared that the work, to which so many scholars have contributed, may disappoint their legitimate expectations. The editor can only ask for that degree of indulgence which is due to a labour of love, undertaken in the interests of historical scholarship.

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ERRATA AND ADDENDA

Calendar No. 4. *For* 'Robert Berhan' *read* 'Robert Bertran'.
Calendar No. 22. *For* 'Turstin Abbot [of Glastonbury]' *read* 'Turstin, Abbot [of Ely]'.
Calendar No. 34. *For* 'June 27' *read* 'May 27'.
Calendar No. 40. *For* 'is to hold' *read* 'is to hand over to the King'.
Calendar No. 132 *note*. *For* '*Curia Regis*' *read* '*Curia Ducis*'.
Calendar No. 149. 'Gonstard' in the list of witnesses may be a scribe's error for 'Constant[inensis]'.
Calendar No. 153. This charter is printed also in *Inq. Com. Cantabrigiensis*, p. xxi.
Calendar No. 183 *a*. *Before* 'Auquainville' *read* 'of'.
Calendar No. 207. A more correct text, with facsimile, in Chevreux and Vernier, *Les Archives de Normandie et de la Seine-Inférieure*, No. 7.
Calendar No. 224. *For* '1066-8' *read* '1066-86'.
Calendar No. 309. *For* 'Witnesses' *read* '*Signa*'.
Calendar No. 439. *For* 'hamsoen' *read* 'hamsocn'.
Calendar No. 455. *After* 'justificatoribus' *insert* 'present'.
Appendix No. VI. In the translation *for* 'hand to me' *read* 'hand over to me'.

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INTRODUCTION

The Old English Chancery.

§ 1. The West-Saxon kings of the tenth century must have maintained a staff of clerks to draft their charters and to make official copies of their ordinances. The charters of Athelstan and his successors are highly technical compositions, framed on a set plan and constantly using stereotyped formulas.[1] That a copy of every new law was transmitted to each shire-moot, we learn from the well-known letter of the Kentish shire-moot to King Athelstan, which acknowledges the receipt of such a communication;[2] and it is probable that hundred-moots and individuals of local importance were kept in touch with the resolutions of the Witan by such means. For our earliest copies of Old English laws are contained in books which belonged to ecclesiastical foundations; and we know of one case in which Edgar commanded that many copies of certain enactments should be sent to the aldermen of Mercia and East Anglia, to be distributed within their jurisdictions.[3] On the Continent, in states of Frankish origin, the secretarial work which such a system of promulgation implies was performed by the court chaplains. It is probable that the case was the same in Wessex, at least from the days of Edward the Elder. His charters are regularly attested by a small number of presbyters, some at least of whom were in regular attendance on his person. These 'king's priests' have become, by the time of Cnut, a numerous and highly favoured body,[4] from whose ranks it is usual to nominate bishops and abbots. Upwards of a dozen bishoprics fell to king's priests in the days of Cnut and Edward the Confessor.[5] Such rewards to royal chaplains are not without earlier precedents. In 678 the see of Lindsey had been given to a chaplain of the Northumbrian court,[6] and about 956 a priest of King Eadwig received a bishopric.[7] But the promotion of king's priests became a policy in the last half-century of the West-Saxon state, and it suggests that the secretarial work of the chaplains was increasing in importance.

§ 2. This is only what we should expect. It is partly to be explained by the introduction of the formal writ. From the earliest years of Cnut it was the practice to notify appointments, gifts, and judicial decisions by means of these official circulars to all the shire-courts and all the magnates affected. Only a small number of these writs has been preserved. But we may infer, from the salutations which they contain, that each of them was issued at least in duplicate or triplicate. And it is significant that

1 Stevenson in *E. H. R.* xi. 731 ff.

2 Liebermann, *Gesetze*, i. 170.

3 Edgar, iv. 15 (Liebermann, i. 215).

4 Larson, *The King's Household*, pp. 138–42.

5 Larson, *u. s.* p. 141.

6 Florence, i. 243 (ed. Thorpe).

7 Kemble, *C. D.* 1201.

we possess no less than four different writs relating to such a simple matter as the appointment of a new bishop of Wells.[1] How many were needed on such occasions as the accession of a new sovereign, the proclamation of a treaty, or the reconciliation of great rebels to the Crown? We can only guess, since we do not possess the archives of any Old English noble family, and since ecclesiastical houses only preserved those writs and charters which related to their own estates. All we can say is that the king's chaplains were a hard-worked body, and that the chapel was an essential link between the Crown and its local representatives.

§ 3. The personnel of the royal chapel is better known to us than its organization. It contained, in the years 1016–1066, a foreign element which is large enough to suggest that Cnut and the Confessor had special reasons for desiring the service of continental clerks. Thus Duduc, afterwards Bishop of Wells (1033), was either a Saxon or a Lotharingian;[2] Hermann, promoted to the see of Ramsbury in 1045, was a Lotharingian; Leofric, who obtained the see of Crediton in 1046, though a 'Briton' by birth, had been educated in Lotharingia.[3] Lotharingians also were Giso, who succeeded Duduc at Wells in 1050,[4] and Alberic, who figures in Domesday Book. Ulf, whose appointment to Dorchester caused so much scandal, and William, who received the see of London in 1051, were both Normans.[5] Baldwin, promoted in 1065 to the abbacy of St. Edmunds, had been a monk of St. Denis and was presumably of French or Lotharingian origin.[6] Helinandus, employed by the Confessor as an envoy to Henry I of France, was a native of Ponthieu.[7] It is obvious that such foreigners would be more useful than Englishmen in diplomatic work, and others besides Helinandus were thus employed. But diplomatic negotiations were comparatively infrequent, and hardly of sufficient importance to account for the rewards which some of these aliens received. Why were their services so highly valued? Not always because of the saintly example which they set before the English clergy. Ulf of Dorchester, as every reader of the Chronicle will remember, 'did naught bishop-like, so that we are ashamed to tell more of what he did.'[8] Some, such as William of London, commanded universal respect, and may have been secretaries, *impliciti sæculo*, by mere accident. Others, however, came to the front by the same arts which raised the Englishman Stigand to the see of Canterbury; he too began his career in the royal chapel.

§ 4. From the prominence of these foreigners it has been inferred that Cnut and the Confessor set themselves to create a chancery of the continental type; that the Lotharingian priests of Cnut brought with them some knowledge of the routine of Imperial administration; and that the Normans employed by the Confessor similarly introduced a part of French or Norman methods.[9] If there be any truth in these hypotheses, it must

[1] *K. C. D.* 834–6, 838.
[2] Florence, i. 218; *Historiola Episcopatus Somerset.* (ed. Hunter), p. 15.
[3] Florence, i. 199; W. Malmesb. *De Gestis Pont.* p. 204.
[4] Florence, i. 218.
[5] Florence, i. 203, 207.
[6] W. Malmesb. *G. P.* p. 156; *K. C. D.* 813.
[7] Guibert de Nogent, *Opera*, p. 496 (ed. D'Achéry).
[8] *A. S. C.* (ed. Thorpe), p. 310.
[9] J. R. Green, *Conquest of England*, c. x, appendix; a posthumous work.

have been the organization of the West-Saxon chancery, rather than the methods of draftsmanship, which were transformed by foreign influence. The genuine charters of the Confessor are framed in harmony with Old English traditions. His writs are modelled on those of Cnut, and the form of the writ, the chief technical innovation of the period, is neither French nor Lotharingian.

§ 5. The title of Chancellor first appears in the reign of the Confessor. In his genuine charters it is only given to one man, Regenbald; [1] one of the charters in which Regenbald is called chancellor belongs to the end of the reign; the other is probably no earlier. Until the year 1054 it seems to have been a common, though not a regular practice, that Edward's charters should be witnessed by a certain number of his priests. Perhaps the official text of the charters gave their names in order of seniority. But in the copies which we possess the order of the names is capricious. Thus in 1050 Robert takes precedence of Regenbald, but in 1052 their positions are reversed.[2] Our only clue to the relative dignity of the various king's priests is the order of their ecclesiastical promotions. Under Edward the Confessor we find the following appointments: [3]

1042, Stigand to East Anglia.
1045, Hermann to Ramsbury.
1046, Leofric to Crediton.
1047, Heca to Selsey.
1050, Ulf to Dorchester.
1051, William to London.
1053, Kinsige to York.
1061, Giso to Wells.

§ 6. It seems clear that Stigand was, at Edward's accession, the most important of the surviving chaplains of the Danish dynasty. He served successively Cnut, Harthacnut, and Edward the Confessor.[4] There is no evidence that he bore the title of chancellor, but good reason for thinking that, under whatever title, he was at the head of the secretariat. Leofric is expressly styled *regis cancellarius* by Florence of Worcester; [5] and there is the less reason to doubt the statement since the see of Crediton, to which Leofric succeeded, had been closely connected with that of Worcester. Possibly Leofric had been preceded in the chancellorship by Hermann of Ramsbury, who attests as a presbyter at the beginning of the reign.[6] But this is a mere possibility. Hermann may have owed his preferment to merits of a less worldly character, since the Conqueror and Lanfranc left him in peaceful possession of his see. Heca does not attest the charters of Edward, and it is unlikely that he held high office. But Ulf the Norman, whose appointment to Dorchester was so nearly annulled by the synod of Vercelli, would scarcely have been promoted by a ruler of Edward's character unless he had been able to urge the claims of a confidential servant. One is the more inclined to rank him among

[1] *K. C. D.* 813, 891.
[2] *K. C. D.* 793, 796.
[3] Larson, *u. s.* p. 141.
[4] Freeman, *N. C.* 143.
[5] Florence, i. 199.
[6] *K. C. D.* 767.

Edward's chancellors because a certain Wulfwius *Cancellarius* appears among the witnesses of a Westminster charter which bears the date 1045.[1] The authenticity of this document, which is obelized by Kemble, cannot be defended. But the Westminster forgers usually worked with some knowledge of historical fact; they are not in the habit of introducing imaginary personages in their witness-lists; and this particular list agrees well enough with the date to which the charter is assigned, except that it antedates Ulf's appointment, which at the earliest would fall in 1046, when the death of Lyfing of Worcester and Crediton, who attests the charter, made possible the promotion of the chancellor Leofric and left his office vacant. We have no charters attested by chaplains between 1045 and 1050. But after Ulf's appointment to Dorchester we are better informed. First we have a charter dated 1050 which is attested by the presbyters Robert, Godwin, Regenbald, Lyfing, William, Brihtric, Unsige and Uinsige.[2] Another charter, which bears the date 1054, but is shown by the witness-list to belong also to the year 1050,[3] gives the names of Robert, Regenbald, Godwin, William, Kinsige, and Brihtric. William, who appears in no charters of later date, is evidently the same who succeeded Robert of Jumièges in the see of London. We may presume that Ulf's promotion had left William at the head of the chancery. But who succeeded William? A third list, from another charter of 1050, gives the names of Regenbald, Robert, Kinsige, and Athelwig;[4] the names of William, Godwin, and Brihtric have disappeared. William, we may suppose, was by now designated Bishop of London; Godwin may have gone to Rochester, where we find a bishop of his name in 1058; while Brihtric may be identified with Brihtric prior and finally (1062) abbot of Malmesbury, who in the year 1065 drafted with his own hand the charter of King Edward to that house.[5] It has been sometimes assumed that Regenbald was now the leading figure in the chancery. This is hard to believe. When the see of York fell vacant by the death of Ælfric Puttuc, it was given to Kinsige (1053). Kinsige, it is true, was a friend to the house of Godwin; we afterwards find him consecrating Harold's church at Waltham.[6] But he was also a chancery clerk of long experience; he is found attesting a charter of Cnut so early as 1026,[7] and he was the natural person to bring forward in the chancery during the difficult period of readjustment which followed the return and pardon of Earl Godwin. From 1053 to 1062 evidence about the chancery is to seek. But the outstanding chaplain of the period is the Lotharingian Giso. The little that we know of his life leads us to regard him as a man of affairs. He had been employed as an envoy to Pope Nicholas; he was in high favour with the King and Queen; he was energetic and successful in recovering the lands of his see, in rebuilding his cathedral, in organizing

[1] *K. C. D.* 779. [2] *K. C. D.* 793.
[3] *K. C. D.* 800. It is attested by Bishop Ulf and by Archbishop Eadsige; also by Robert of Jumieges as Bishop of London. These prelates could only sign together in 1050.
[4] *K. C. D.* 796. This, like *K. C. D.* 800, is an Abingdon charter, and is attested by Ulf and Eadsige.
[5] *K. C. D.* 817; W. Malmesb. *G. P.* 420.
[6] Freeman, *N. C.* ii. 446. [7] *K. C. D.* 743.

and re-endowing the capitular clergy.[1] His episcopal career is precisely what would be expected of a capable official, who places his knowledge of men and business at the service of the church. He is the only king's priest who obtained high promotion between 1053 and 1061. We incline to see in him the official successor of Leofric and Ulf and Kinsige.

§ 7. To terminate a long discussion: we are disposed to think that the organization, though not the name, of the chancery can be traced back at least to the early years of Edward the Confessor; that the head of the chancery held office for a few years at most; and that his position entitled him to hope for a good bishopric as his ultimate reward. We think that this position, the chancellorship as it is called after 1061, was held successively by Stigand, Leofric, Ulf, Kinsige, and Giso. There may have been others who held the office for short periods (e.g. Hermann of Ramsbury, William of London); but there are reasons for thinking that the five chaplains whom we name were of exceptional consequence in the administrative sphere.

§ 8. We now come to Regenbald, and here we are on firmer ground. The evidence concerning Regenbald is not copious; but it enables us to draw some positive conclusions. Regenbald was a king's priest and engaged in the work of the chancery as early as the year 1050; he remained in the chancery till the close of Edward's reign, and he subsequently took service under the Conqueror. No ecclesiastical preferment was given to him by the Confessor, and we cannot safely speak of him as chancellor before the year 1062, when he attests a genuine charter with that style.[2] Whether he was an Englishman or a foreigner we cannot say; though he has been labelled by some modern writers as a foreigner (presumably on the strength of his name) he was not obnoxious to the house of Godwin; and his function under William I was to acquaint the new ruling class with the Old English forms of administration. If he had been a man of outstanding personality, he would have made a greater mark in his long career. As it is we only know of his existence through a few charters attested by him[3] or issued in his favour, a few entries in Domesday Book, and the foundation charter of Cirencester Abbey,[4] to which Henry I confirmed his rich possessions. Regenbald ended his days at Cirencester, at the head of a college of prebendaries—a dignified position, but greatly inferior to those which several of his old associates had obtained. The chaplain Baldwin, who attests with him in 1062, had been promoted to the abbacy of Bury by the Confessor.[5] Osbern and Peter, who, like Regenbald, passed into the service of William I, obtained in due course the sees of Exeter and Lichfield. Osbern, it is true, was a brother of William fitz Osbern,[6] and therefore had special claims to promotion. But Peter had no such claims.

[1] *Historiola Episcopatus Somersetensis* (ed. Hunter), p. 16; W. Malmesb. *G. P.* 251.
[2] *K. C. D.* 813.
[3] *K. C. D.* 813, *815, *824, *825, *891. The asterisked documents are spurious.
[4] *Monasticon*, vi. 177.
[5] *K. C. D.* 813.
[6] W. Malmesbury, *G. P.* 201.

The Chancery of William I and William II.

§ 9. It is evident that the English element was strong in the chancery of William I. Some of his more elaborate charters have many characteristics in common with the Old English diploma:[1] a number of his writs are Old English both in language and in form. We have not, however, much information as to the men by whom the pre-Conquest traditions of the chancery were perpetuated. The influence which Regenbald exercised in the early days after William's coronation is attested by two writs in his favour, one confirming him in his former possessions, the other making new grants to him.[2] We have seen above how the chaplains Peter and Osbern were advanced to bishoprics. Further, we find the priest Ingelric regularly employed in the chancery during the years 1067–9, and wealthy enough to endow out of his own possessions the important church of St. Martin le Grand.[3] Ingelric may have filled the chancellor's place for a short space after the retirement of Regenbald: but in 1068 the Norman chaplain Herfast is found holding the title of chancellor, with Ingelric as his subordinate.[4] The promotion of Peter and Osbern falls in the year 1072. From that time onwards the documents mention no chaplains of English birth. This is not conclusive: for the chaplains of the Conqueror attest his charters only by exception. But the chaplains of whom we learn from other sources are foreigners.

§ 10. We may begin with the Chancellors. Herfast, the successor of Regenbald, had been long in the service of Duke William. He was already William's chaplain when he attended Lanfranc's lectures at the school of Bec (before 1059) and provoked the derision of the scholars by his pomp and ignorance. He is treated with contempt by William of Malmesbury: *parcae, ut aiunt, mentis homo et nonnulla ex parte in litteris eruditus.* But the chronicler admits that Herfast passed for a scholar in Normandy before Lanfranc's appearance.[5] Herfast received the see of Elmham after the deposition of Æthelmaer (1070). If we may trust the evidence of a suspicious charter of St. Augustine's, Canterbury,[6] he was succeeded by Osbern, who appears among the witnesses as *Osbertus Cancellarius.*[6] The form of the charter is abnormal, but the witnesses are consistent with a date not earlier than 1070 or later than 1072. In 1072 Osbern obtained the see of Exeter. It is, however, possible that the Canterbury scribe has mistakenly expanded the contraction 'Os. cancellarii' in his original and that the chancellor in question was Osmund, afterwards Bishop of Salisbury. Osmund attests as chancellor a charter of about 1073.[7] His name appears to be Norman: for a certain Osmund *clericus* attests a charter of the Duchess Gonnor, the widow of Duke Richard of Normandy,[8] and other Osmunds are mentioned in Orderic. A document of the fifteenth century states that Osmund was

[1] See especially No. 22 in our Calendar, and the remarks of Mr. Stevenson, to whom we owe the first critical edition, in *E. H. R.* xi, pp. 731–44.

[2] Calendar, 9, 19. He is given the title of chancellor in a royal writ of 1076–1085 (Calendar, 213).

[3] Calendar, 8, 21, 22, 28.

[4] Calendar, 28.

[5] *Gesta Pontificum*, 151.

[6] *Hist. Mon. S. Augustini*, p. 350; Calendar, 88.

[7] Calendar, 70.

[8] Round, *C. D. F.* 703.

the son of Isabella, daughter of Duke Robert, by Henry Count (!) of Séez.[1] I have found no trace of his parents in the earlier sources. His honourable career as Bishop of Salisbury suggests that he owed his appointment to other qualities than those of the self-made official. His character is commended even by the critical William of Malmesbury, to whom he seemed *vir probatissimus . . . ambitionis immunis.*[2] He followed Hermann as Bishop of Salisbury; the exact date of his appointment is uncertain, but he was in possession of the see and duly consecrated before Pentecost, 1078, when he took part in the translation of St. Aldhelm.[3] He appears to have remained chancellor for some time after his promotion, if we are correct in our restoration of the text of a charter calendared below.[4] Some critics have assigned the charter in question to the reign of Henry I, supposing that the chancellor in question is Roger of Salisbury and William the king's son is William Atheling. This, however, is a chronological impossibility; for Roger had ceased to act as chancellor long before William Atheling was capable of acting in his father's stead.

By the year 1082 at latest the chancellorship had been transferred from the hands of Osmund to those of Maurice.[5] Maurice held property in Normandy and appears as a benefactor of the nuns of St. Amand;[6] he was also archdeacon of Le Mans.[7] We are therefore justified in regarding him as a foreigner. Unlike Osmund he was a man of worldly character, although by Orderic he is complimented with the epithets *bonus et religiosus.*[8] Like Ranulf Flambard, who first appears in history as his protégé,[9] he belongs to the class of cathedral-building bishops; he burdened his see with debts to make St. Paul's the wonder of contemporaries. But he was a loose liver and an efficient rather than a reputable bishop.[10] Maurice was appointed to the see of London at the Christmas court of 1085. But his consecration took place not earlier than Aug. 20, 1086,[11] and he may have continued to act as chancellor in the interval.

§ 11. It is occasionally asserted that Maurice resigned the chancellorship some time before his appointment to London, and that the office then passed to William de Bello Fago, who held it until he was promoted (Christmas, 1085) to the see of Thetford. This statement appears to be based on the evidence of two Durham charters,[12] attested by William the king's chancellor and Maurice the Chaplain, which profess to belong to the year 1084. I agree with Canon Greenwell[13] in regarding these as forgeries of the next century. Leaving other arguments on one side, it would be unheard of that Maurice, after acting as chancellor, should revert to the position of a simple chaplain and serve under one who had formerly been his inferior. If any successor were formally appointed after the promotion of Maurice, it is probable that the honour fell to Robert Bloet. He was one of the Conqueror's chaplains in 1087; and he was commissioned to deliver

[1] *Sarum Charters*, 373. [2] *Gesta Pontificum*, 183–4.
[3] *Gesta Pontificum*, 424. [4] Calendar, 188.
[5] Calendar, 147. [6] Calendar, 285. [7] Calendar, 147.
[8] Orderic, iv. 275. [9] *Cont. Sym. Dunelm.*, i. 135. [10] *Gesta Pontificum*, 145.
[11] See the *Acta Lanfranci* in Thorpe's edition of the *A.-S. Chronicle*, i. 387.
[12] Calendar, 196, 197. [13] *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelm.*, pp. xlvii ff.

to Archbishop Lanfranc the letter by which the dying king designated Rufus as heir to the English Crown.[1] But, though Robert Bloet must have been a chaplain of note to be entrusted with this duty, there seems to be no definite evidence for placing his appointment to the chancellorship in the reign of William I. We have a charter, either of William I or of William II, which is attested by 'G. the Chancellor'.[2] But this comes to us through a transcript and it seems clear that the scribe has made a mistake in the initial.

§ 12. To conclude, then, we have the following list of chancellors for the reign of William I:—

Regenbald, 1067.
Herfast, 1068–70.
[Osbern (?), 1070–2].
Osmund, 1070 or 1072–8 or later.
Maurice, before 1083–5.
[Robert Bloet (?) 1086–7].

The chancellors of William Rufus present little difficulty, and it is only needful to recapitulate briefly what I have written on the subject elsewhere.[3] Rufus had two chancellors only: first, Robert Bloet, who was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln on Feb. 12, 1094; secondly, William Giffard, who acted as chancellor until and after the king's death. It is by a mere error that Waldric has been ranked among the chancellors of the reign. Nor is there any trustworthy evidence to support the hypothesis that Ranulf Flambard 'may have been the king's chancellor'.[4]

§ 13. The chaplains of the Conqueror do not often witness his charters. It is quite exceptional to find such a list as that which occurs in the foundation-charter of St. Martin le Grand.[5] In this case the founder was himself a member of the chancery. It is not infrequent to find the signature of one or two chaplains; but there are some important charters which are not attested even by the chancellor. The following list gives the names of those chaplains who appear in royal charters or are mentioned by chroniclers:—

Alberic the Lotharingian (Calendar, 381: cf. Round, *Commune of London*, pp. 36–8).

Baldwin became Bishop of Evreux in 1070 (Orderic, ii. 215).

Benedict of Rouen attests in 1080 as Archdeacon of Rouen (Calendar, 125); in 1082 as one of a group of Norman chaplains (Calendar, 146 *a*). Presumably he was attached to the Norman chancery.

Bernard, son of Ospac. He was a Norman: he is styled Archdeacon of Rouen about the year 1080 (Round, *C. D. F.* 1212), and he became a monk of the Holy Trinity at Rouen before 1086 (Calendar, 220). He visited England in 1068, possibly also in 1076 and in 1081 (Calendar, 22, 90, 144*); in 1068 he attests among the English chaplains. In 1080 he witnesses a Norman charter, and his name is placed after that of Reginald (q. v.).

[1] Orderic, iv. 11. [2] Calendar, 345. [3] *E. H. R.* xxvi, p. 84.
[4] *D. N. B.* art. *Flambard.* [5] Calendar, 22.

He attests with four other chaplains a record of a suit held in Normandy on Sept. 5, 1082 (Calendar, 146 *a*). He also attests a charter to St. Stephen of Caen between 1079 and 1082 (Calendar, 168). Our evidence, therefore, connects him closely with the Norman chancery.

Gilbert Maminot, chaplain and physician of William I (Orderic, ii. 311), attests a Norman charter of 1067 (Calendar, 6 *a*), and his name is placed before that of his colleague Rainald the Younger; but in 1068 he ranks after Michael (Calendar, 22). His name also occurs in a dubious charter to St. Augustine's, Canterbury; which if genuine would seem to belong to the year 1070 (Calendar, 39). He was subsequently promoted to the see of Lisieux (1077).[1]

Gontard became a monk at St. Wandrille between 1066 and 1078 (Calendar, 110). He held four English churches which passed to St. Wandrille. He finally became Abbot of Jumièges.

[Henry appears as witness to a charter of 1080–6 in favour of St. Pancras of Lewes (Calendar, 232). He is not given the title of chaplain; but unless he held that rank he would hardly be designated by his Christian name alone. It is possible that he should be identified with the Henry who attests, as a chaplain of Queen Matilda, a charter in favour of Jumièges (Calendar, 193).]

Herbert Losinga, afterwards Prior of Fécamp, Abbot of Ramsey and Bishop of Norwich, is given by Orderic as an example of a royal chaplain who obtained high promotion (Orderic, iv, p. 11). If Orderic's statement is correct, Herbert must have been a chaplain of the Conqueror. For he obtained Ramsey Abbey in 1087, and his appointment to Fécamp falls still earlier.

Ingelric, of whom we have already spoken (*supra*, p. xvi), attests royal charters in the years 1067–9.

John de Villula, a native of Tours, is expressly named as a chaplain by Orderic (iv. 11), but seems to have owed his position in the chapel, like Baldwin of Bury St. Edmunds, Gilbert Maminot and Faritius of Abingdon, to his skill in medicine. He attests (as Bishop of Bath) a spurious Durham charter attributed to William I (Calendar, 286); but does not occur in the genuine documents of the reign.

Michael, afterwards Bishop of Avranches (1067), stands next to Herfast the Chancellor in the foundation-charter of St. Martin le Grand. He was an Italian by birth and famous for his learning (Orderic, ii. 171).

[Odo attests a charter of 1083 in favour of the Holy Trinity at Caen (Calendar, 182). But apparently he, like Henry (q.v.), was a Queen's chaplain, who only attested William's charters by accident (Calendar, 193). There is a mention, in another charter to Jumièges by William I, of a chaplain Odo who held land in England T. R. E. (Calendar, 194). This suggests the possibility that Queen Matilda had taken over the surviving chaplains of Queen Edith, and makes an addition to the list of Normans resident in England before the Conquest.]

[1] Orderic, ii. 311, who had personal knowledge of the Bishop, gives an entertaining character sketch.

Osbern or Osbert, afterwards Bishop of Exeter, brother of William fitz Osbern, has been discussed above (pp. xv–xvi).

Peter, afterwards Bishop of Lichfield (1075), is styled a royal chaplain in Hardy's edition of Le Neve's *Fasti*. But no authority is given for this statement, which is perhaps due to a mere confusion between Peter and Robert de Limesey, his successor to the see.

Rainald or Reginald the Younger attests a Norman charter of April 1067 (Calendar, 6 *a*) and two Norman charters of 1080 (Calendar, 121, 126). By 1083 he had become a monk at Jumièges, and had given to that foundation his land and gardens at Bayeux (Calendar, 193). His name appears in a suspicious Westminster charter of 1076 (Calendar, 90). His property at Bayeux had been previously held by a certain Stephen, who was probably like himself a ducal chaplain (Calendar, 193). Rainald received the abbey of Abingdon in June 1084 (*Hist. Mon. Abingdon*, ii. 15).

Robert the Chaplain appears as a witness to documents of 1068 (Calendar, 22), 1076 (ib. 90), 1081 (ib. 144*), 1082 (ib. 146 *a* and 148*). Some of these documents are spurious, but the forgers seem to have had genuine witness-lists at their disposal. It may well be doubted whether all these attestations are by the same person. One of them occurs in a Norman document (Calendar, 146 *a*), the rest in English charters. We know of at least two chaplains of William I who bore this name: Robert de Limesey, who received the see of Chester in 1085 (Florence, s. a.); and Robert Bloet (*v. supra*, p. xvii). Perhaps a third should be added in the person of Robert Losinga, who received the see of Hereford in 1079, being at that time in deacon's orders (Florence, s. a.).

Samson of Bayeux was originally a clerk of Bayeux cathedral, and received a foreign education at the expense of Bishop Odo (Orderic, ii. 249, 266). Between 1074 and 1085 he obtained from William I the church of St. Mary of Wolverhampton (Calendar, 210). He appears as a witness in a spurious Westminster charter of 1081 (Calendar, 144*). In 1082 he is styled Treasurer of Bayeux (Calendar, 147). He attests several other charters of 1082 and later dates (Calendar 146 *a*, 158, 182, 199). He was a brother of Thomas of Bayeux, Archbishop of York.

Stigand, promoted to the see of Selsey in 1070, is described by Florence as a chaplain (s. a.).

Thomas, who attests in 1068 (Calendar, 22), is probably to be identified with Thomas, the canon of Bayeux, who received the see of York in 1070 (Florence, s. a.); we have no other evidence that Thomas of Bayeux was a chaplain. It is, however, the more probable that he held this rank, since we afterwards find his brother Samson in the chancery.

Valdevinus is only known through a charter (Calendar, 223) in which he appears as a tenant of the house of St. Mary of Burton. Possibly he is to be identified with the Baldwin mentioned above.

Walchelin, promoted to the see of Winchester in 1070, is called a chaplain by Florence (s. a.).

Walter. A chaplain of this name attests in 1068 (Calendar, 22); and between 1080 and 1086 we find a Walter attesting a charter to St. Pancras

at Lewes (Calendar, 232). It is, however, doubtful whether the Walter of the later document should be ranked as a royal chaplain.

WALTER FITZ GOTER appears as a chaplain in a Norman document of 1082 (Calendar, 146 *a*).

WANDEBERT *clericus* occurs only in a Norman charter of 1073 (Calendar, 70).

WILLIAM DE BELLO FAGO, promoted to the see of Thetford in 1085, attests a Jumièges charter between 1078 and 1083 (Calendar, 193). William the Chaplain, who occurs in forged charters of Durham (Calendar, 148*, 195*, 196*), may be the same person. In one Durham charter (Calendar, 197*) we find William occurring both as chaplain and as chancellor (*vide supra*, p. xvii).

WILLIAM FITZ SUEN attests a Norman document of 1082 (Calendar, 146 *a*); in another, of the same or earlier date, he is described as William the Canon (ib. 168).

WILLIAM BROTHER OF RAINALD attests the confirmation of his brother's grant to Jumièges (Calendar, No. 193), probably in the capacity of a chaplain.

§ 14. The chaplains of William II are numerous enough. His charter of 1091 to John, Bishop of Bath, is attested by eleven, in addition to the Chancellor (No. 315). But some of these are mere names to us. Robert Bloet, William Giffard, and Ranulf Flambard played important parts in history, the first two as chancellors, the third probably in the Exchequer; though a well-known story given by Symeon of Durham suggests that he was *custos sigilli* and in this capacity the lieutenant of the chancellor. Of the remainder, Gerald obtained the see of Hereford, Samson of Bayeux that of Worcester, Turgis that of Avranches, and Turold that of Bayeux. Ansger, Enguerrand, Herbert, Philip, Tusald are known only as attesting the Bath charter. Others who make an occasional appearance are Ralph de Bainard (No. 395), Fulcher (Nos. 464, 480).

ITINERARY OF WILLIAM I.

§ 15. The following list of dates may be useful as a contribution to the itinerary of William I. Besides the charters and authorities cited, I have used the indications in the Chronicle, Florence, Orderic, Eadmer, and in Liebermann's *Ungedruckte Geschichtsquellen*:—

1066 June 17, Caen (Calendar, 3).
Sept. 29, Pevensey.
Oct. 14, 15, Senlac.
Dec. 25, Westminster.

1067 c. Feb. 21, Transfretation to Normandy.
April 8 (Easter), Fécamp (Duchesne, *Scriptores Normannici*, p. 211).
April, Vaudreuil (Calendar, 6 *a*).
May 1, St. Pierre sur Dive.
July 1, Jumièges.
Dec. 6–7, Transfretation to England.
Dec. 25, London.

1068 March 23 (Easter), Winchester.
May 11 (Pentecost), Westminster (Calendar, 22).

1069 ? Feb. 4, Salisbury (Calendar, 46).
April 12, 13 (Eastertide), Winchester (Calendar, 26).
c. Sept. 1, Forest of Dean.
Nov., Harrying of North.
Dec. 25, York.

1070 c. Jan. 1, At river Tees.
April 4 (Easter), Winchester.
April 11, Winchester.
May 23 (Pentecost), Windsor.

1070 May 27, Westminster (Calendar, 34*).
1071 Jan., London.
Oct. 27, Ely.
1072 April 8 (Easter), Winchester.
April 16, Clarendon (Calendar, 63).
May 27 (Pentecost), Windsor (Calendar, 64, 65).
c. Sept., Scotland.
c. Nov. 2, Durham.
1073 March 30, Bonneville sur Touques (Calendar, 68, 69).
c. April, Le Mans.
1074 Nov. 30, Rouen (Calendar, 75).
1075 April 5 (Easter), Fécamp (Orderic, ii. 303).
Dec. 25, Westminster.
1076 May, Brittany.
1077 c. July 25, Rouen (Orderic, ii. 310).
Sept. 13, Caen (Orderic, ii. 305).
In dedicatione Baiocensi. Bayeux (Calendar, 98).
1079 Jan., Gerberoy (Calendar, 115 *a*).
1080 Jan. 7, Caen (Calendar, 120).
Jan. 11, St. Georges de Boscherville (Calendar, 121).
April 12, ? Rouen (Calendar, 123).
1080 ? May 31, Lillebonne (Calendar, 124).
July 14, Caen (Calendar, 125).
c. Dec. 25, Berkeley (Calendar, 128).
1081 Jan. 3, Gloucester (Symeon, *Dunelm.* i. 119, ii. 211).
Feb., London (Calendar, 135, 136).
May 31, Winchester (Calendar, 137*, 138, 139, 140).
Dec. 25, ? Westminster (Calendar, 143).
1082 June 24, Oissel (Calendar, 146).
Sept. 5, Oxcessus villa (Calendar, 146 *a*).
Dec. 25 ? Gloucester.
1083 April 9 (Easter), Fécamp (MS. Rouen, 1193, fo. 30 v°).
1084 May 19 (Pentecost), Westminster (Matt. Paris, *Chron. Maj.* ii. 19), cf. Calendar, 195*, 196*, 197*.
June 19, Rouen (*Hist. Mon. Abingdon*, ii. 15).
1086 (Easter), Winchester.
May 24 (Pentecost), Westminster.
Aug. 1, Salisbury.
1087 July 24–31, Mantes.
Sept. 9, Death of William I at Rouen.

The Household of William I and William II.[1]

§ 16. *Stallers.* The name of this office is Old English; the duties may be inferred from the fact that Staller and Dapifer are used as synonyms in Domesday Book.[2] Three Stallers passed from the service of Edward the Confessor and Harold to that of William I.[3] Bundi, an Oxfordshire landholder, seems to have held about 1067 the position of a justiciar in that shire;[4] and he appears with his official title at the Whitsun court of 1068.[5] Eadnoth in 1067 was likewise acting as a justiciar in Somerset.[6] He was dead by 1086, but is mentioned in Domesday Book as Ednod Staller and Ednod *Dapifer*.[7] He was the father of a certain Harding,[8] who was acting as an itinerant justice in 1096,[9] and whom Freeman would have us regard as the father of Robert fitz Harding.[10] Robert fitz Wimarc, to judge from his patronymic, was of Breton extraction. He was related both to Edward the Confessor and to William I.[11] In 1066 he had endeavoured to dissuade the Duke from pursuing the invasion of England; but William bore him no ill will, and left him in possession of the sheriffdom of Essex.[12] He

[1] In the following section I am much indebted to Dr. Round, whose articles in the *Dictionary of National Biography* I have used freely, as well as his *Feudal England*, *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, and *The King's Serjeants.* I have also drawn upon the earlier pages of *His Grace the Steward*, by the late Mr. Vernon Harcourt.
[2] *D. B.* i. 58 *b*, 69 (of Eadnoth).
[3] Esegar is styled in *D.B.* i. 129 *b* 'stalre regis Eadwardi'; presumably he was not continued in office by William.
[4] Calendar, 18. [5] Calendar, 23. [6] Calendar, 7.
[7] *D. B.* i. 58 *b*, 69. [8] Cf. Calendar, 23. [9] Round, *F. E.* 330.
[10] *N. C.* iv. 758. [11] Round, *F. E.* 331; Freeman, *N. C.* iii. 414. [12] *D. B.* ii. 98.

appears at William's court as a witness to charters of 1068 and 1069.[1] Before 1075 he had been succeeded as sheriff by his son Swegen;[2] who lost that office before 1086,[3] but transmitted the honour of Rayleigh to his son Robert of Essex.

§ 17. *Dapifers or Seneschals.* These titles are convertible, but the former is commonly used in England, the latter in Normandy.

HUBERT, who occurs as a benefactor to St. Stephen of Caen, should probably be identified with Hubert de Ria, the father of Eudo *Dapifer*. The charter which gives Hubert his official style is not later than 1077 and seems to imply that Hubert was by that time deceased.[4] Hubert witnesses two documents which Dr. Round has calendared; one of these belongs to the year 1060, while the other is not later than 1070.[5] He had been a man of consequence in Normandy as early as 1047.[6] The Hubert de Ria who witnesses charters of 1091 and 1092[7] is perhaps a younger namesake. Louis, son of Hubert the Seneschal, attests a charter of Henry I, which is dated 1110.[8]

EUDO FITZ HUBERT first appears with the style of *Dapifer* in or about 1072,[9] and frequently attests the charters both of William I and of William II. Possibly he inherited his dignity from his father.

EUDO HALDUP, *vicomte* of the Cotentin, does not bear the title of *Dapifer* or seneschal in royal charters. But he held the office; so much is proved by a passage in Orderic Vitalis, and an incidental reference in a later charter.[10]

WILLIAM FITZ OSBERT, one of the most important figures, in the charters and in English history, between 1066 and 1071, certainly succeeded his father Osbert as seneschal in Normandy. The fact was questioned by Mr. Vernon Harcourt, whose doubt was treated as legitimate by Dr. Round;[11] but Professor Haskins has since produced evidence which sets the doubt at rest.[12]

GERALD, who attests as Seneschal in 1066,[13] is probably to be identified with Gerold *Dapifer*, whom Orderic names as the Castellan of Neufmarché about 1064, and who still held that office in 1067.[14]

GODRIC *Dapifer* does not occur in the charters of William I; but is found in 1086 as a tenant in chief of lands in East Anglia.[15] He is addressed in a charter of William II, from which it would appear that about 1087 he was a sheriff in Norfolk or Suffolk.[16]

HAIMO occurs with the style of *Dapifer* in a charter of 1069.[17] He was the son of Haimo 'Dentatus' who was slain at Val ès Dunes in 1047. He held the sheriffdom of Kent and both in charters[18] and in Domesday Book is frequently styled Haimo *vicecomes*. He died before the year 1100,[19] leaving two sons, Haimo and Robert. The former succeeded his father as

[1] Calendar, 23, 29. [2] Calendar, 84. [3] *D. B.* ii. 2 *b*.
[4] *Gallia Christiana*, xi, App. 67. [5] *C. D. F.* 714, 1256. [6] Freeman, *N. C.* ii. 249.
[7] Calendar, 319, 328. [8] *Monasticon*, vi. 1103. [9] Calendar, 63.
[10] Orderic, ii. 105; Round, *C. D. F.* 921. [11] *E. H. R.* xxii. 779.
[12] *Am. Hist. Review*, xiv. 475. [13] Calendar, 3. [14] Orderic, ii. 113; Calendar, 6*a*
[15] *D. B.* ii. 202, 355 *b*. [16] Calendar, 291. Cf. ib. 392, 461. [17] Calendar, 26.
[18] Calendar, 372, &c. [19] Calendar, 451.

Dapifer.[1] The latter, under the surname Fitz Haimon, plays some part in political history.[2]

RALPH DE MONTPINCHON first attests in 1069, and is styled Dapifer in a charter of 1080, as also by Orderic Vitalis, to whom we owe some account of his family.[3] In Domesday Book he is styled simply Ralph *Dapifer*.

STIGAND attests three Norman charters of the years 1067–71.[4] Before the conquest of England, as early as 1061, he was already a ducal *Dapifer*.[5] Perhaps he should be identified with Stigand of Mésidon whose estates passed with his daughter to the house of Tancarville.[6]

ROGER BIGOD is ranked among the *Dapifers* of William I by Mr. Vernon Harcourt,[7] but the evidence on which he relies does not prove his point. He refers to a private charter attested by Roger *Dapifer*, who may well be the seneschal of one of the parties concerned,[8] and to a Bath charter which was granted not by William I, but by William II.[9] Roger Bigod attests a number of the Conqueror's charters, but first appears with the style of *Dapifer* under William II. He held the office till his death, in 1107, when he was succeeded by his son William.

IVO TAILLEBOIS attests charters of William I, but first appears as *Dapifer* under William II, in 1091. He was dead by the year 1098.[10] His heiress married Roger fitz Gerold,[11] who, however, does not appear to have succeeded to the office of his father-in-law.

GILBERT, who appears as *Dapifer* in a single charter of William II,[12] is probably Gilbert fitz Richard of Tonbridge, who succeeded his father, Richard de Bienfaite, about 1090. Gilbert fitz Richard does not often attest the charters of William II; but we have an original, of the year 1091, in which he attests between two *Dapifers*, Eudo and Roger Bigot.[13]

WILLIAM, who attests a Bath charter in 1091,[14] is possibly identical with William de Percy who attests immediately after Roger Bigot in an original charter of the same year.[15]

[HELTHO, included in the list given by Mr. Vernon Harcourt,[16] appears under the style of *Dapifer* as holding from the king in Kent.[17] But he seems to be identical with the Helto of a later passage, who is a tenant of Odo of Bayeux.[18] We have also a charter in which Helto appears as a witness on behalf of Odo.[19] He is probably to be regarded as the bishop's dapifer. Similarly ANSFRID, who is addressed as *Dapifer* in a single charter relating to Sandwich (Calendar, 189), is to be identified with a tenant of Bishop Odo named Ansfrid, who in 1086 held land in Sandwich.[20]]

§ 18. *Chamberlains.*

ROBERT MALET, the eldest son of William Malet, who succeeded to his father's lands in 1071,[21] was Great Chamberlain under William I, as

[1] Calendar, 416.
[2] See *D. N. B.* art. *Fitzhamon* (by Professor Tout).
[3] Calendar, 30, 125; Orderic, ii. 435.
[4] Calendar, 6*a*, 48, 56.
[5] Round, *C. D. F.* 253.
[6] Orderic, ii. 104, and Le Prévost's note.
[7] Op. cit. p. 20.
[8] *Gallia Christiana*, xii, App. 228.
[9] Calendar, 315.
[10] Calendar, 315, 408.
[11] *Monasticon*, iii. 215.
[12] Calendar, 318.
[13] Calendar, 320.
[14] Calendar, 315.
[15] Calendar, 320.
[16] *His Grace the Steward*, p. 20.
[17] *D. B.* i. 2*b*.
[18] *D. B.* i. 6.
[19] Round, *C. D. F.* 1435.
[20] *D. B.* i. 11.
[21] Freeman, *N. C.* iv. 787-90.

Dr. Round has proved (*G. de M.* 180). He seems to have been sheriff of Suffolk at an early date in the reign.[1] The bulk of his manors lay in that shire and, as he rarely appears in the charters of William I, we may conclude that he was chiefly occupied with local administration. He is a striking instance of a great household officer who does not appear in the charters under his official title. He seems to have retained his office under William II and Henry I, but espoused the cause of Duke Robert and was banished from England before the battle of Tinchebrai.[2]

Aiulf appears as sheriff of Dorset under William I, but had vacated the office by 1086.[3] In 1091 he attests with the title of sheriff, but it was in Somerset that he held this office under William II.[4] It is probable that he acted as Deputy Chamberlain[5] to Robert Malet; for part of Aiulf's lands lay in the manor of Lulworth, and in the time of Henry I there were Lulworth lands attaching to the Deputy Chamberlainship.

Aubrey, who attests a Lessay charter[6] in 1084, with the style of chamberlain, is probably Aubrey I de Vere, the father or grandfather of the Great Chamberlain of Henry I. Aubrey I held great estates in Essex, Suffolk, and Cambridgeshire, but is otherwise an inconspicuous figure in history. He is perhaps the same Aubrey who appears as a benefactor to Thorney Abbey in a charter which falls in the years 1085–1112.[7]

Herbert attests no charters of William I or William II, but his official title is given in Domesday Book. He is called by the Abingdon historian[8] 'regis cubicularius et thesaurarius'. If he really combined these functions, he illustrates the original connexion between the Camera Regis and the treasury. Dr. Round compares his position to that of the keeper of the Privy Purse.

Rainard, apparently a Norman, was succeeded, in the office of chamberlain, by his son Corbel, not later than 1082.[9]

Ralph attests two Norman charters in 1066.[10] His son, William fitz Ralph, attests as chamberlain a Caen charter of 1082.[11] After the death of William I he appears in the service of Duke Robert.[12] His office therefore is plainly Norman rather than English.

Ouen appears as a justice in the Curia Ducis of Normandy in 1085.[13]

Humfrey was in 1086 a tenant in chief of lands in eight English shires. Some Suffolk lands had passed to him from Robert Malet, the Great Chamberlain,[14] but in what manner is not stated. Humfrey attests a charter of William I which is not earlier than 1078.[15] In two charters of William II he is addressed as holding some official position (either as sheriff or as justiciar) in Suffolk.[16] He may have been a chamberlain of Queen Matilda, since some of his Surrey lands were held by her grant.

Osbern the chamberlain is named in a Westminster charter of 1076–82. He had possessed a house in London. The name is a common one; but

[1] Calendar, 47
[2] *D. N. B.* s.v. Malet.
[3] Calendar, 204; *D. B.* i. 83.
[4] Calendar, 315, 457.
[5] Round, *King's Serjeants*, p. 123.
[6] Calendar, 199.
[7] *Monasticon*, ii. 603.
[8] *Hist. Mon. Abingdon*, ii. 43.
[9] Calendar, 168.
[10] Calendar, 3, 4.
[11] Calendar, 150
[12] Calendar, 324.
[13] Calendar, 207.
[14] *D. B.* ii. 433.
[15] Calendar, 270.
[16] Calendar, 395, 448.

perhaps he should be identified with the King's serjeant, Osbern fitz Walter, who appears in the Domesday of Bedfordshire.[1]

GONDWIN, a Suffolk tenant in chief, is described as *camerarius* in Domesday.[2] The land which he held in Suffolk had formerly belonged to Robert fitz Wimarc, the Staller. Gondwin also held from the king a small estate in Essex.[3]

TURSTIN is styled *camerarius* is Domesday Book. He held lands in Bedford and Hants;[4] judging from their value he ranked on the same footing as Gondwin.

WILLIAM the chamberlain appears in Domesday Book as holding from the king considerable lands in Bedfordshire, Bucks., and Gloucestershire.[5] By 1089 his Norman lands had passed into the possession of St. Mary of Bayeux.[6]

§ 19. *Constables.*

HUGH DE MONTFORT was *Comes Stabulariorum* in Normandy before 1066.[7] He was succeeded in the office before 1107 by his son Robert, who is called *strator Normannici exercitus hereditario jure.*[8] Hugh appears in Domesday Book as a tenant in chief in four shires. He attests as late as the year 1092;[9] but immediately after that date he appears to have been succeeded by his son.[10] The Montfort constableship passed under Henry I to Robert de Vere, the husband of Hugh's daughter Adelina.[11]

ROBERT DE OILLI attests the charters of William I sufficiently often to suggest that he held official rank; and he is styled Constable in a charter, apparently genuine, which falls between 1078 and 1087.[12] He held lands of the Crown in eight English shires. He was castellan of Oxford castle under William I[13], and is called *Constabularius Oxoniae.*[14] He attests as late as the year 1092;[15] according to the Abingdon historian he died in the reign of William II[16]. Robert was succeeded by his son Nigel de Oilli, who is a prominent figure in the household of Henry I.

§ 20. *Marshals.*

GERALD appears in Domesday Book[17] with the title of Marshal. He held a small fief in Suffolk, which at the time when he received it was worth 60*s*. He held land in the territory of Caen.[18] He never attests royal charters and was presumably a man of small importance.

GOISFRID, a native of Venoix near Caen,[19] appears in Domesday Book as the holder of lands which were worth 40*s*. when he received them.[20] In the time of Henry I it was proved in a court of law that his office was not the chief marshalship.[21] He attests no charters of William I or William II.

ROBERT, a tenant in chief in Wilts. in 1086,[22] was a landowner on a scale far greater than Gerald and Goisfrid. The original value of his fief was

[1] *D. B.* i. 216 *b*. [2] *D. B.* ii. 436 *b*. [3] *D. B.* ii. 97 *b*.
[4] *D. B.* i. 48, 216 *b*. [5] *D. B.* i. 151, 167, 216. [6] Calendar, 308.
[7] Orderic, ii. 148. [8] Orderic, iv. 240. [9] Calendar, 328.
[10] Calendar, 349, 397. [11] Round, *King's Serjeants*, p. 81.
[12] Calendar, 270. [13] *Hist. Mon. Abingdon*, ii. 7. [14] Ibid. ii. 12.
[15] Calendar, 328. [16] *Hist. Mon. Abingdon*, ii. 12. [17] *D. B.* ii. 438 *b*.
[18] Calendar, 171. [19] Round, *King's Serjeants*, p. 89. [20] *D. B.* i. 49.
[21] Round, *u.s.* [22] *D. B.* i. 73.

£21 10*s*. It is therefore possible that he was the progenitor of Gilbert who held the Chief Marshalship under Henry I, and who was succeeded before 1130 by his son John the Marshal.[1]

Roger appears in 1086 as holding land in Essex[2] which had originally been worth 23*s*. He does not act as a witness to royal charters.

Milo appears as the owner of land which afterwards passed to St. Stephen of Caen.[3] I have been unable to identify him with any of the persons of his name who are mentioned in Orderic or in Mr. Round's calendar. He had a daughter who married a certain Arphast.

§ 21. *Pincernae or Butlers.*

Hugh of Ivri and Roger of Ivri both appear with the title of *pincerna*. In 1086 Roger was a tenant in chief in six English shires, while Hugh held estates of little consequence in Oxfordshire and Bedfordshire. This is to be explained by the fact that Hugh was Butler in the Norman household; he has the title before 1066.[4] Hugh makes his last appearance in our calendar in a charter of 1082, which he attests in his brother's company.[5] Roger is styled *pincerna* as early as 1069, and he witnesses a charter of Duke Robert in 1089.[6] We find him about 1078 acting as custodian of the Tower at Rouen.[7]

[Alured, who attests as *pincerna* between 1082 and 1084,[8] is designated butler of the Count of Mortain in the index to Mr. Round's calendar. Certainly he appears as a witness to two of the Count's charters;[9] and both in Dorset and in Sussex we find an Alured holding lands from the Count. The Dorset entry is particularly significant, as Alured *pincerna* appears to have been a benefactor of Shaftesbury Abbey.[10]]

§ 22. *Dispensers.*

Robert fitz Turstin attests charters both of William I and of William II. We find him in the Oxfordshire Domesday as a king's serjeant, holding lands in Great Rollright and Ledwell.[11] He was succeeded, before the death of William II, by his son Turstin.[12] By 1105 Turstin had been succeeded by his son Hugo. It does not seem to have been noticed that a Robert fitz Turstin appears among those who followed Bohemond on the First Crusade.[13] But it would be perilous to insist upon the coincidence of names.

Roger Mala Corona, dispenser in the Norman household, may have belonged to the Norman family which traced its descent from Giroie. Ralph Mala Corona, a son of Giroie, figures repeatedly in the pages of Orderic Vitalis. Ralph became a monk about 1052,[14] after an adventurous career. Whatever his ancestry, Roger plays no part in history. We know of him only as attesting a charter of Duke Robert between 1087 and 1091.[15]

[1] Round, *u. s.*
[2] *D. B.* ii. 94.
[3] Calendar, App. xxi.
[4] Round, *C. D. F.* 73, 81, 1167.
[5] Calendar, 156.
[6] Calendar, 23, 308.
[7] Orderic, ii. 296.
[8] Calendar, 204.
[9] Round, *C. D. F.* 1205 (note), 1206.
[10] Calendar, 309*c*.
[11] *D. B.* i. 160 *b*.
[12] *Hist. Mon. Abingdon*. ii. 37, 126
[13] Orderic, iii. 488.
[14] Orderic, ii, p. 70.
[15] Calendar, 324.

Justice and Administration in the Charters.

§ 23. *The Justiciars.* Whether there was, under the first two Norman kings, a Chief Justiciar who acted as the king's lieutenant in judicature and administration, is a question which the charters leave uncertain. The chroniclers may be cited as pointing to an affirmative answer. But most of their statements are questionable. William of Malmesbury affirms that Odo of Bayeux was *totius Angliae vicedominus sub rege . . . post necem Willelmi filii Osberti.*[1] William apparently thinks that these two received in 1067 something more than a temporary commission to govern England in the king's absence. For the early months of the reign of William Rufus we have conflicting testimonies. Henry of Huntingdon states that Bishop Odo acted for his nephew as *justitiarius et princeps totius Angliae*;[2] while William of Malmesbury states that the administration was in the hands of William Bishop of Durham.[3] Both writers seem to rely upon the same passage of the Peterborough Chronicle[4]—an ambiguous passage which seems to refer to Odo of Bayeux, but which does not mention the justiciarship. Lastly, we have Orderic's statement that Ranulf Flambard was, at a later period, *summus regiarum procurator opum et justitiarius.*[5]

It is clear from the charters that William I commonly appointed one or more justiciars to govern England when he was in Normandy. The number of persons so appointed at one time appears to have varied. Lanfranc, who was appointed to the office with great regularity, sometimes acted alone, as in the year 1075, for which by a stroke of good fortune we possess some important extracts from his official correspondence.[6] Odo of Bayeux may have been acting as sole justiciar in the year 1080.[7] Both he and Gosfrid of Coutances appear in other charters as co-justiciars with Lanfranc.[8] Of laymen the following appear on various occasions: Robert of Eu, Robert of Mortain,[9] Richard fitz Gilbert,[10] Roger of Montgomeri,[11] Hugh of Montfort,[12] William of Warenne.[13] The first three were related to William I; Earl Roger and William of Warenne were his personal friends; Hugh of Montfort was Chief Constable of Normandy. It seems clear that both prelates and laymen were chosen for the office on personal grounds. In the reign of William II we find few references to such justiciars. Ranulf Flambard acts both before and after his promotion to the see of Durham;[14] Bishop Ralf of Chichester occurs once only.[15] Hamo *Dapifer* (the younger) and Urse of Abitôt are the only laymen specified as holding the office.[16]

§ 24. *Judges of the Curia Regis.* A certain number of our documents relate to judicial sessions of the Curia Regis; and some of these give lists of judges. The official theory was that the Curia consisted of the prelates, earls, and barons.[17] In 1086 we find the king trying a private law-suit with

[1] *Gesta Regum*, iii. § 277.
[2] Hen. Hunt. pp. 211–12.
[3] *Gesta Regum*, iv. § 306.
[4] s.q. 1088; p. 356 (ed. Thorpe).
[5] Orderic, iv. 107.
[6] Calendar, 78–83.
[7] Calendar, 122.
[8] Calendar, 50, 98, 106, 153, 166.
[9] Calendar, 66, 153*.
[10] Calendar, 50, 102 (?); Orderic, iv. 18.
[11] Calendar, 66.
[12] Calendar, 50, 98, 258.
[13] Orderic, iv. 18.
[14] Calendar, 416, 419, 422, 424.
[15] Calendar, 424.
[16] Calendar, 416, 424.
[17] Calendar, 138, 139.

the assistance of his sons William and Henry, the two archbishops, eight bishops, two abbots, two counts, one earl and eighteen barons.[1] Another case, heard in Normandy but relating to English land, is heard by three laymen—the Count of Meulan, Eudo *Dapifer*, and William fitz Oger—and the Chancellor William Giffard and one chaplain, William Warelwast.[2] In this case, the king not being present, we find a semi-professional court at work.

Concerning the ducal court in Normandy we have more evidence. About 1076 it sits under the presidency of the Bishop of Coutances; it included many of the nobles of the land, but three laymen are specially mentioned as taking part in the judgement. They are Ranulf the *vicomte*, Néel fitz Néel, and Robert de Vipont.[3] On another occasion judgement is given by the Archbishop of Rouen, by Roger of Beaumont, and by many other barons.[4] A suit between two abbots in 1080 is tried by a court of ecclesiastics consisting of the Archbishop of Rouen, the Bishop of Evreux and four abbots.[5] In the same year a suit between the Holy Trinity, Rouen, and the Bishop of Evreux is tried by all the prelates and barons who were assembled for the Easter court. Among those present are named the Archbishops of Bourges and Vienne.[6] Again, about 1080 we find the Duke députing the Bishops of Coutances and Lisieux and Eudo the *vicomte* to try a suit.[7]

In 1085 a suit between the Abbey of Fécamp and a layman is decided by two Norman abbots and five laymen. The names of the latter are Roger de Ivri the Butler, Hugh de Port, Wido Oillei, Richard de Courcy, and Geoffrey Martel.[8]

§ 25. *Local Administration.* References to sessions of the shire-court are tolerably numerous in the charters. Under the Norman kings the evidence of the shire-court was constantly taken on questions of title—sometimes by the sheriff,[9] sometimes by commissioners appointed for the purpose.[10] Where the property in question was distributed over several shires, a joint session of the shire-courts was sometimes held, as in the year 1080, when the shires of Cambridge, Essex, Hertford, and Huntingdon gave evidence at Keneteford respecting the liberties of Ely Abbey. The four shires were represented on this occasion by some great tenants in chief and many knights.[11] Three sheriffs appeared in person and those of Norfolk and Suffolk by deputy. Under William II we find a similar assembly held for the benefit of Ramsey Abbey; in this case it is convened by the Sheriff of Huntingdonshire acting under a royal mandate.[12]

As to the composition of the shire-court and hundred-court we have an interesting clue in a writ of William II for Abbot Baldwin of Bury. The men of the abbey shall not be constrained to attend the courts of shire and hundred unless they held so much land that they were shire-worthy or hundred-worthy in the time of King Edward.[13] This suggests that the duty of attending depended on the possession of a certain holding. This document

[1] Calendar, 220. [2] Calendar, 423. [3] Calendar, 92.
[4] Calendar, 118. [5] Calendar, 120. [6] Calendar, 123.
[7] Calendar, 132. [8] Calendar, 207. [9] Calendar, 383, 448.
[10] Calendar, 66, 221. [11] Calendar, 122. [12] Calendar, 321.
[13] Calendar, 393.

should be compared with an earlier grant (of Edward the Confessor) giving to the Abbot of Ramsey the hundredal jurisdiction over men that are moot-worthy and fyrd-worthy.[1] Though the authenticity of the latter document is not above suspicion, it is at least admissible evidence of a tradition that only a limited class of men were competent to attend the public courts in the Anglo-Saxon period. Our charters show that exemptions from suit of shire were sometimes granted without any express exception. But these exemptions are generally given to the tenants of highly privileged monasteries[2] (Westminster, Battle, St. Paul's, and St. Swithin of Winchester). The only case in which we seem to find a layman claiming that his estates were privileged against the jurisdiction of the shire seems to be that of the rebel Earl Roger of Hereford, in 1075;[3] and here we are not fully informed as to the nature of the privilege which was claimed.

§ 26. The hundred-court appears, like the shire-court, chiefly as a tribunal for investigating cases of title.[4] A joint sessions of three hundreds and a half is ordered in one case by William II.[5] Presumably the hundred-court was by this time concerned with view of frankpledge; but there seems to be no reference to this institution in the charters of William I and William II. It never appears among the long list of the franchises granted to the great religious houses in this period. General exemptions from suit of hundred are not infrequent, though in some cases we find grants of particular hundred-courts to religious houses. The most privileged foundation in this respect was Bury St. Edmunds with a jurisdiction over eight and a half hundreds[6] dating from pre-Conquest times. Evesham Abbey is confirmed in the possession of the hundred of Fisbeorga; Ely in that of five Suffolk hundreds. The Bishop of Worcester retains Oswaldslaw; Abingdon, the hundred of Hormer; St. Mary of Stow, the wapentake of Well.[7] William II grants the hundred of Normancros in fee-farm to the monks of Thorney; and grants to Robert Bloet, Bishop of Lincoln, the ferm of the third penny of Estou wapentake.[8] Two new grants in a period of thirty-four years do not suggest that the process of leasing hundreds was advancing rapidly.

§ 27. On the administration of the shires the charters give us little information. They enable us to supplement the lists of sheriffs which can be constructed from Domesday and other sources, and they show that sheriffdoms changed hands with some frequency. They show that the bishop of the shire was regularly associated with the sheriff in the presidency of the shire-court. Sometimes they are addressed to the earl[9] as well as to the sheriff and bishop; and again, where no earl is mentioned, we find a local magnate addressed in addition to the sheriff.[10] A more complicated case is afforded by a writ concerning Staffordshire lands in which commands are given to Leofwin, Bishop of Lichfield, to Earl Edwin, to Thurkill the sheriff, and to Abbot Ægelwy of Evesham.[11] The latter seems to be acting as a local

[1] Kemble, *C. D.* 853.
[2] Calendar, 52 (? spurious), 58, 246, 261 (? spurious), 290, 357 (? spurious).
[3] Calendar, 78.
[4] Calendar, 213, 464.
[5] Calendar, 449.
[6] Calendar, 41, 292, 394.
[7] Calendar, 106, 157, 289, 333.
[8] Calendar, 374, 453.
[9] e.g. Calendar, 176.
[10] e.g. Calendar, 143, 175, 230, 242, 306.
[11] Calendar, 25.

justiciar.[1] We have two charters in which William fitz Osbern seems to hold the position of a justiciar in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire,[2] and another (possibly spurious) giving him the same position in Oxfordshire.[3] In writs addressed to William fitz Osbern, Hugh of Chester, and Roger of Shrewsbury in their capacity as earls there is no mention of the sheriffs of their earldoms; which may be taken as an additional proof of the palatine character of their dignity.[4] But Odo of Bayeux was not on the same footing in Kent. William I and William II address their writs both to Odo and to Hamo the Sheriff.[5] This looks as though Kent ought to be deleted from the list of palatine earldoms. Cornwall, which may have been held by Robert of Mortain as a palatinate, had certainly lost thatc haracter by 1096,[6] when it was held by a royal sheriff and experienced a visitation from itinerant justices. On the other hand, it seems to be only in 1095 that the Bishopric of Durham acquires a fully palatine character.[7]

§ 28. There are frequent references in the charters to the royal forest-rights, but our information as to the local machinery by which these rights were guarded is very defective. Under William II the king's foresters appear to be used for this purpose. He forbids them to meddle with the lands of Ramsey, *nisi de bestiis et de essartis*.[8] The phrase suggests that they had authority to investigate and to punish cases of essarting. About 1094 Croc, the huntsman, is ordered to quit-claim the Abbot of Malmesbury of a plea which he had instituted for the sum of 60*s.*; it does not appear in what court the plea had been raised.[9] One writ, however, of the Conqueror suggests that the forest law was administered by the shire-court. It is addressed to the Kentish shire-court and orders an inquiry into alleged trespasses upon the hunting rights of Battle Abbey. The shire-court is to do justice as it would against transgressors caught on the royal demesne.[10] That the English and Norman forest-systems were very similar is suggested by several charters.[11] It is interesting to find that in a charter of William I the special hunting rights of the Londoners are implicitly recognized;[12] but there is nothing to show upon what title these rights were exercised. Grants of free hunting are few in number; even the right of free warren is sparingly granted.[13]

§ 29. *Missi Dominici.* Occasionally the king adopted the expedient of sending down to a shire or group of shires one or more commissioners who were instructed to hear local pleas or to investigate questions which concerned the interests of the Crown. Sometimes the instructions issued to these commissioners were of a general character. Under William I and William II we have at least three cases of itinerant justices holding an iter such as we afterwards find taking place under Henry I and Henry II.[14] The Domesday commissioners are the most important of those who were sent out to investigate domanial rights. But we also find commissioners

[1] Cf. Calendar, 63.
[2] Calendar, 32, 36.
[3] Calendar, 52.
[4] Calendar, 57, 343.
[5] Calendar, 176, 304.
[6] Calendar, 378.
[7] Calendar, 349.
[8] Calendar, 332.
[9] Calendar, 347.
[10] Calendar, 260.
[11] Calendar, 56, 78, 161.
[12] Calendar, 265.
[13] Calendar, 51, 457.
[14] Davis, *England under the Normans and Angevins*, App. II.

appointed for less important and more limited purposes, to hear a particular suit, or to take an inventory of particular lands. Thus, at some date between 1077 and 1086, the Bishop of Coutances was sent into Worcestershire to hear a suit between Bishop Wulfstan and Abbot Walter of Evesham. He took the testimony of the shire-court on the subject; with him were associated two local magnates—the sheriff, Urse of Abitôt, and Osbern son of Escrop.[1] At some date before 1082 the lands of Ely were enrolled by the Bishops of Winchester and Coutances, acting on the evidence of sworn jurors.[2] When William II granted a site in Norwich to Bishop Herbert Losinga for the erection of a cathedral, he caused the lands in question to be viewed by Roger Bigot, the Bishop of Winchester, and Ranulf Flambard, the Chaplain.[3] Again, an estate granted to Eudo *Dapifer* is viewed by a commission of three laymen—Geoffrey de Mandeville, Haimo *Dapifer*, and Ranulf brother of Ilger.[4] The need for such special inquisitions was lessened by the Domesday survey. Already under William II we find that the returns (*breves*) of 1086 are cited as evidence of title.[5]

§ 30. The complexity of local administration was much increased by the immunities of private estates. But it is difficult to generalize concerning the judicial and fiscal privileges of the lay landowner. A glance at our index of grantees will show how few are the charters to laymen which have survived; and even in these the references to judicial and fiscal privileges are vague. But we have some indications that these privileges were granted on fixed principles. The considerable landowner, whether a tenant in chief or a mesne tenant, appears to have had rights of sac and soc with or without the three supplementary privileges of toll, team, and infangthief.[6] This jurisdiction also belonged to religious houses almost, if not quite, as a matter of course.[7] But religious houses had other immunities, fixed in accordance with customary principles. There was one standard of privileges for a royal foundation; another for a private foundation made with the king's licence.[8] It would appear, from a charter granted by William II to St. Stephen of Caen, that the privileges of a royal foundation were identical with those of manors on the royal demesne.[9] A long list can be made of immunities which are specified in the charters of particular foundations. Many of these immunities are shown by their names to be Old English in origin; and the charters of William I and William II rarely do more than confirm existing liberties.

(*a*) *Judicial Immunities*—
- Blood-wite: Calendar, 22, 141*.
- Burh-bryce: Calendar, 22.
- Ebberethief: Calendar, 41, 292.
- Frithsocn: Calendar, 22.
- Flymenafyrmthe: Calendar, 38, 51, 164, 224, 233, 311.
- Forfeng: Calendar, 22.
- Fyhfeng: Calendar, 22.
- Fyrdwite: Calendar, 22, 129, 141*, 292.
- Fihtwite: Calendar, 22, 129, 292.
- Forsteal: Calendar, 22, 38, 41, 51, 164, 224, 241, 292, 311.
- Frithwite: Calendar, 41.

[1] Calendar, 221.
[2] Calendar, 152.
[3] Calendar, 385.
[4] Calendar, 435.
[5] Calendar, 468.
[6] Calendar, 155, 162, 164, 386.
[7] Calendar, 14, 108, 366, 367, 386.
[8] Calendar, 232, 421.
[9] Calendar, 397.

Flitwite: Calendar, 41.
Grithbryce: Calendar, 38, 41, 51, 111, 129, 164, 224, 241, 292.
Hengewite: Calendar, 22.
Hamfare: Calendar, 311, 313*.
Hamsocn: Calendar, 22, 38, 41, 51, 129, 164, 224.
Mundbrice: Calendar, 136*, 141*, 287*.
Miskenning: Calendar, 216*, 233, 234.
Murdrum: Calendar, 202, 224, 261, 290.
Uthleap: Calendar, 22, 89*, 164, 233, 234.
Utfangtheof: Calendar, 263*, 313*.
Wergeldtheof: Calendar, 22.
Weard-wite: Calendar, 141*.
All royal justice: Calendar, 253.

(*b*) ***Fiscal Immunities***—
Scot: Calendar, 11*, 43, 52, 58, 62*, 261, 290.
Danegeld: Calendar, 11*, 43, 52, 58, 62*, 136*, 204, 228, 236, 245, 261, 274, 282, 412, 415, 421, 481.
Hidage: Calendar, 62*, 290.
Warpeni: Calendar, 263*, 290.
Castle-work: Calendar, 164, 244, 245, 261, 282.
Scutage: Calendar, 313*.
Auxilium: Calendar, 58.
Jetsam: Calendar, 109.
Wreck: Calendar, 177, 195*, 203.
Lastage, Hlaestinge: Calendar, 141*, 261, 290.
Sceawinge: Calendar, 141*, 216*, 261, 290.
General and complete exemption: Calendar, 23, 51, 253.
Trinoda Necessitas: Calendar, 58, 62*, 141*, 274, 290, 415.

§ 31. Grants of fairs and markets are not very numerous in the charters, though forty-two markets are specially mentioned in Domesday Book.[1] But a few interesting grants will be found in the calendar. William I granted to Malmesbury Abbey an annual fair of five days' duration;[2] William II gave the Bishop and the Old Minster of Winchester a fair, to be held at St. Giles' church on the eastern hill outside Winchester, on the day of the saint, the day before and the day after.[3] In this case the Bishop was to have the whole of the royal justice and customs in the city for the period of the fair and 'all the customs which the King would have if the fair were his own'. This phrase is significant; it points to the existence of a customary fair-right which was too well known to need rehearsal. We have also three cases in which fairs are granted in Normandy; two charters to the monks of St. James de Beuvron[4] by William I, and a third, to the monks of Mont St. Michel by Duke Robert.[5] A weekly market is granted to the monks of Battle, of Evesham, and of Thorney.[6] In Normandy we find similar grants to St. James de Beuvron, St. Amand of Rouen, and Mont St. Michel.[7]

Closely akin to such grants are those which confer the whole or part of a borough. In 1077 we have a mandate from William I commanding that the borough of Fordwich shall be restored to St. Augustine of Canterbury; it had come into the hands of Haimo the sheriff of Kent through the abbot's fraud or folly.[8] Two-thirds of the borough had been granted by Edward the Confessor; the remaining third was given by Odo of Bayeux,[9] with the king's licence. Sandwich in like manner belonged to the monks of Christ Church, Canterbury, and was appropriated to the purpose of supplying them with raiment.[10] In 1077 Odo of Bayeux made over to the monks, with the king's licence, certain houses and rights which he held in the borough, and we learn from Domesday that this grant had duly taken

[1] Ballard, *Domesday Inquest*, p. 181.
[2] Calendar, 247.
[3] Calendar, 377.
[4] Calendar, 6*a*, 254.
[5] Calendar, 299.
[6] Calendar, 61, 106, 477.
[7] Calendar, 6*a*, 229, 254, 292.
[8] Calendar, 98.
[9] *D. B.* i. 12. Calendar, 99, 100.
[10] *D. B.* i. 3.

effect.[1] The 'port' of Evesham, which Edward the Confessor had granted to Evesham Abbey, was confirmed by William I to Abbot Æthelwig. It is not called a borough in Domesday, but had a population of rent-paying tenants who presumably enjoyed some form of burgess-right.[2] The whole city of Bath was given to the bishop, between 1089 and 1091, in free alms;[3] but we learn from Domesday that this was merely a transference to the bishop of property which had formerly been vested in the monks of Bath Abbey.[4] The harbour of Whitby was granted by William II to the monks,[5] but it must have been of small value, since it is not mentioned in Domesday. Of similar grants in Normandy we have only to note two cases. The Holy Trinity of Rouen received from William I the bourg of Quetehou and a part of the bourg of Caen.[6]

Private mints are rarely mentioned in the charters. The Abbot of Bury and the Bishop of Bath are the only English prelates whose charters contain explicit references to their moneyers.[7] In Normandy the privilege was zealously guarded. No one might coin money, good or bad, except at the mints of Rouen and Bayeux.[8] But in England the custom of permitting private mints was deeply rooted, and the Conqueror seems to have respected vested interests. In grants of toll and custom he and his son were lavish enough. It seems to have been a recognized principle that the personal property of men of religion (and sometimes of their tenants) should go free both by sea and by land; so also whatever they required for their maintenance.[9]

§ 32. So many of our charters relate to the privileges of ecclesiastical bodies that we should expect them to throw some light on the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. But this is a subject on which they yield little information. A private grant of the year 1073 contains an enigmatical concession to the monks of St. Nicholas at Bramber; William de Braose grants the *placita hominum de christianitate* at Steyning and Bramber castle.[10] This may mean merely the jurisdiction over ecclesiastical persons; a more natural interpretation would be that, as the holder of hundredal jurisdiction, he claimed certain spiritual offences as pertaining to his court. It may be noticed, in this connexion, that the Conqueror's ordinance concerning the spiritual courts forbids interference by sheriffs or *other laymen*.[11] That the Curia Regis paid very little attention to the limits of the two jurisdictions is evident from the correspondence between William I and Lanfranc respecting Abbot Simeon of Ely. The archbishop is commanded to see that Abbot Simeon is consecrated forthwith, since the abbot's charters entitle him to be consecrated wherever the king pleases.[12] William II instructs his Curia to adjudicate upon a claim to burial-dues, oblations, and tithes.[13] He prohibits the Abbot of St. Augustine's from infringing the rights of Canterbury Cathedral in the matter of bell-ringing.[14]

[1] Calendar, 101 and note. [2] Calendar, 106. *D. B.* i. 175 *b*.
[3] Calendar, 326. [4] *D. B.* i. 89 *b*. [5] Calendar, 421.
[6] Calendar, 182, 183. [7] Calendar, 42, 326, 392. [8] Calendar, 316.
[9] Calendar, 201, 290, 405, 433, 475. [10] Calendar, 71. [11] Calendar, 93.
[12] Calendar, 152, 153. [13] Calendar, 416, 423, 424. [14] Calendar, 459.

On the other hand, he appears in two charters as enforcing the jurisdiction of an archdeacon's court;[1] from which we may perhaps infer that inferior secular courts were not allowed to encroach upon the courts-christian.

Plan of the Calendar.

§ 33. In describing documents the editor and his colleagues have avoided any attempt at rigid classification. Under William I and William II the traditions of the royal chancery were changing rapidly, and it would seem that charters were sometimes drawn up by the persons in whose favour they were issued. The king's clerks drew a distinction between the writ (*breve*) and the diploma (*carta*);[2] and they were tending to adopt, for administrative purposes, a stereotyped form of writ in which the Old English valediction was replaced by a short list of witnesses and a note of the place of issue. But the name *breve* might be applied to any form of epistolary communication, as, for instance, to the returns of the Domesday commissioners.[3] And there grew up a practice of casting even elaborate grants of privileges into the form of a letter generally addressed. Diplomas more or less modelled on Old English lines and sometimes written in duplicate versions, Old English and Latin, upon the same parchment were not uncommon.[4] But the old skill in composing such documents was dying out, and hardly any irregularity of style can be taken as conclusive against authenticity. We have described this latter class of documents by the terms 'diploma' and 'charter'. Documents of the *breve* type have been classified as 'notifications' and 'precepts'. Those described as 'notifications generally addressed' open with a salutation 'to archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, sheriffs' or some equivalent formula. They might perhaps be described as 'writ-charters'.[5] The type is uncommon before 1100. The normal *breve* of the first two Norman reigns is still a letter addressed to the magnates of a shire-court. In this respect it is faithful to Old English usage.[6]

The calendar includes a number of records of law-suits, which were heard before the king or the Curia Regis. These are described by the terms 'record' or 'memorandum'. Most of them appear to be the work of private hands, but they are so important as a source of historical information that it seemed essential to take notice of them. Unless the contrary is stated, the language of a document is Latin. The description 'bilingual' means that both a Latin and an Old English version are extant. Unless the contrary is stated, the MSS. which are noticed are to be taken as copies. The term transcript is used to denote a copy later in date than the fifteenth century. In the lists of MSS. the several manuscripts are usually entered in the order in which they were examined. But where an original exists, it is noted first in order; and the editor has distinguished markedly inferior copies or editions as 'defective' or 'inaccurate'.

[1] Calendar, 463, 478.
[2] Calendar, 49.
[3] Calendar, 468.
[4] e.g. Calendar 22, 23, 26, 28.
[5] e.g. Calendar, 51, 111, 201.
[6] Stevenson, *E. H. R.* xxvii, pp. 3–8.

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Canterbury, Christchurch	Cartae Antiquae in the Chapter Library of Canterbury. (*a*) Registers in the Chapter Library of Canterbury (numbered by letters of alphabet). (*b*) Cartulary in British Museum: Add. MS. 6,159.
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Chertsey Abbey	(*a*) Public Record Office, cartulary: Exch. (K.R.) Misc. Book XXV. (*b*) British Museum, cartulary: Cotton MS. Vitell. A. XIII.
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A. S. C.=Anglo-Saxon Chronicle.
B. M.=British Museum.
C. D. F.=Round, Calendar of Documents (France).
D. B.=Domesday Book.
D. N. B.=Dictionary of National Biography.
D. K. R.=Deputy Keeper's Reports.
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I

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

1. Grant by Duke William to the Church of the Holy Trinity at Fécamp. [1066.]
Of the land of Steyning [co. Sussex]; the Duke gave seisin to the Church by the token of a knife, before he went to England; the grant to take effect if God should give him victory in England.

Witnesses: Aymeri the vicomte; Richard fitz Gilbert; Pons.

['Codex MS. apud D. Bigot Rothomagens' (1663).
Neustria Pia, p. 223 (abstract).]

Steyning appears in *D. B.* (i. 17) as the property of Fécamp. It had belonged T. R. E. to Harold, but was claimed by Fécamp as a gift from Edward the Confessor.

2. Record of a confirmation by Robert, son of Count William. 1066.
Of the gifts which William had made to the abbey of Marmoutier at Tours. Rouen.
This confirmation was granted by Robert at the request of his father, when preparing to cross the sea and make war on the English. The Count had been asked to obtain it by a monk whom Abbot Bartholomew sent to him.

Witnesses: John Bp. of Avranches; Count Robert; Roger de Montgomeri; William fitz Osbert; William his son; Roger de Beaumont; Hugh de Grandmesnil; Ilger the tutor (*pedagogus*) of Robert, the Count's son; Robert de Guitot; Girald the cook, servant of the monks.

[Bibl. Nat. Paris, MS. Lat. 5441 [II], fo. 28 (copy); 12878, fo. 227 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1173 (calendared).]

'Actum apud urbem Rotomagi anno ab Incarnatione 1066, presidente nobis anno tertio domno abbate Bartolomeo.'

3. Notification that in 1066, when William Duke of the Normans was about 1066.
to cross the sea with his fleet, Roger de Montgomeri released his claim to Giverville to Abbot Rainer of the Holy Trinity, Rouen, in the presence of the monks. William Prince of the Normans confirms this.

Signa: Duke William (Cart. *Ipsius*); Roger de Montgomeri; William fitz Osbern; Gerald the seneschal; Ralph the chamberlain; Hugh the *pincerna*; Witnesses: Richard the seneschal; Bernard the cook; Ansfrid, son of Athla. (These witnesses belong to the abbey.)

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure) No. xxxix (copy).
Deville, *Cartulaire de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 442; Round, *C. D. F.* 73 (calendared).]

4. Charter by William Duke of the Normans to the house of the Holy 1066
Trinity, Caen. June 17.
Giving various endowments on the occasion of the consecration. 'Praeterea Caen.
praefatus comes gloriosissimus et uxor eius cum filiis suis Domino eodem die obtulerunt filiam suam Ceciliam nomine, favente archiepiscopo Rothomagensi cum ceteris praesulibus, quatinus in eodem loco, deifice videlicet Trinitatis, ipsi in habitu religionis perenniter servaret; cuius munere tam prolem quam cetera bona intelligunt se possidere.'

Signa: Count William; Countess Matilda; Robert fitz Count; Richard fitz Count; William fitz Count; Hugh de Montfort; Ranulf the vicomte; Richard the vicomte; Robert Berhan; Ralph the chamberlain; Geoffrey de Calmunt; Ralph Taxo; Maurilius Abp. of Rouen; Hugh Bp. of Lisieux;

Odo Bp. of Bayeux; John Bp. of Avranches; Baldwin Bp. of Evreux; William fitz Osbern; Roger de Montgomeri; Fulco de Alnou; Fulco his son; Nicholas Abbot of St. Ouen; John Abbot of Fécamp; Ralph Abbot of St. Michel; Gerbert Abbot of St. Wandrille; Warin Abbot of St. Vigor; William Abbot 'Ebronensis'; Hugh Abbot of Lonlay; Herluin Abbot of Bec.

[*Gallia Christiana*, xi, Instrumenta, p. 59.]
'Charta haec confirmata est anno ab Incarnat. Domini 1080 penultimo anno Cycli solaris Willelmo rege in Anglia feliciter regnante, 14 anno eius imperii, in Francia vero regnante Philippo, Romanis partibus imperiali iure Henrico, apostolicae sedis cathedram possidente papa Gregorio.'

1066 Dec. 25. [Westminster.]

5. *Grant (spurious) by William I and Matilda his wife to St. Paul's, London. Of the lands which, in the time of his predecessors, had been unjustly taken away; to be held free of all burdens but three, namely fyrd-service, bridge-work, and burh-work. The lands in question are 15 casates at Navestock (co. Essex), 4 at Lagefare [co. Essex], 3 at Cockhamstead [co. Herts.], 6 at Runwell [co. Essex]. This grant was made on the first day of his coronation in the presence of Abps. Aldred and Stigand and the other bishops and abbots of this country. Whoever will increase this gift, may he and his be increased and blessed by God. Whoever will change or invalidate it, may he be separated from the communion of the Church and the company of God's elect. and have his portion with Judas and all the unjust.

['Ex Cod. MS. penes eundem Dec. et Cap. fo. 69 *a* C, ac ex Libro Piloso, fo. 40 *a*.' Dugdale, *St. Paul's*, App. XVII.]
Nastock and Runwell belonged to St. Paul's in 1086 (*D. B.* ii. 13 and 13 *b*). Cockhamstead and Lagefare belonged to Count Eustace (ib. i. 137 *b*; ii. 30 *b*).

[c. 1066.]

6. Notification that Roger son of Turold, when about to cross the sea with Count William, gave the monks of Holy Trinity, Rouen, three yokes of land in Sotteville-lès-Rouen; but as he could not confirm this, being overtaken by death on that voyage, his knight William Trenchefoil made that gift in his stead, with the approval of William King of the English.

Signa: King William; William Trenchefoil; Bernard the forester. Witnesses: Richard; Osbern; Roger Ponc[on].

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. lxiii (copy). Round, *C. D. F.* 74 (calendared); *Cartulaire de la Trinité* (ed. Deville), p. 453.]

1067 April. Vaudreuil.

6a. Charter by William I to the monks of St. Benoît-sur-Loire, concerning the church of St. James de Beuvron.

Relating that, for the safety of the Norman frontier against Brittany, he built a castle round the church of St. James de Beuvron, and gave to the castle many rights which did not pertain to it 'videlicet leugam cum sanguine et teloneo et mercatum de cruce'. By way of compensation and exchange he gave to Abbot Ranulf and the monks of St. Michael two fairs and other grants. Then Abbot Hugh and the monks of St. Benoît asked the King to give them half of what he had granted to the castle. He has accordingly agreed to a division, of which the particulars are enumerated. The monks are to say a weekly mass for the King, his wife and sons, and to entertain one monk for ever in the King's place, and to feed one pauper, and to admit the King to the benefit of all their prayers.

Signa: William King of the English and Duke of the Normans; Matilda his wife; Robert his son, Count of the Normans; Richard his son; Hugh de Gornaio; Gerald de Neufmarché; Stigand *dapifer*; Henry de Ferrers; Ralph de Rodei; Gilbert Maminot; Rainald the younger, chaplain; Hilger.

[Cartularies of St. Benoît-sur-Loire in Archives dép. du Loiret H 1/1, H 1/2 (transcripts): Bibl. Nat., Paris, MS. Lat. 12775, p. 135 (copy).
Prou and Vidier, *Recueil des Chartes de l'Abbaye de Saint-Benoît-sur-Loire*, i, p. 203; Martène, *Thesaurus Novus*, i. 196.]

7. Notification (in English language) by William King and William Earl [of Hereford] to Bp. Giso, Eadnoth the Staller, and Tofi the sheriff and all the thegns of Somersetshire. [1067 Mar.-Dec.]

That he has confirmed (ge-unnen) the land at Charlcombe to St. Peter's minster at Bath.

[Copy in MS. CCCC, cxi (Bath Cartulary).
Hunt, *Two Cartularies of Bath Priory*, p. 36.]

Eadnoth the Staller died in 1067. This writ is issued by William fitz Osbern as justiciar, during the King's absence from England. See Round, *F. E.* 430 *n.*

Charlcombe appears in *Domesday Book* (i, fo. 89 *b*), among the Somersetshire lands of Bath Abbey, to which it had belonged T. R. E.

8. Charter by William I, *Dei beneficio rex Anglorum*, to Peterborough Abbey. [1067.]

Confirming, at the request of Abbot Brand, the privileges granted by Edgar and other kings, and all the lands which the monks held by free and hereditary right in the time of King Edward: viz. Scotere, Scothorn, Malmetun, Ragnaldtorp, Messingham, Cletham, Hiberstow, Walcote. These are to be held with the privileges which in English are called sac and soc. Let none of the King's heirs or successors venture to violate this grant, lest he perish by the sword of excommunication and have hell for his portion.

Witnesses: Aldred Abp. of York; Wulfwig Bp. of Lincoln (i. e. Dorchester); Maerleswegen the sheriff; Ulf, son of Topi; Earl William; William Malet; Ingelric the priest.

[Copies in Liber Niger Petroburgensis (Soc. of Antiquaries), fo. 64; B.M. Egerton MS. 2733, fo. 27 v° (Peterborough Register); Lansdowne MSS. 992, fo. 105; 994, fo. 137 v° (transcripts).
Gunton's *Peterborough* (1686), p. 42 (from the Swapham Register); *Monasticon*, i, p. 383.]

The lands here confirmed are all situated in Lincolnshire, and are to be found in *D. B.* in the possession of Peterborough. Though the charter is irregular in form (perhaps translated) it may be accepted as correct in substance. It is perhaps the charter which Brand, according to the Peterborough chronicle, purchased for forty marks of gold from the Conqueror soon after the latter had been accepted as king (*A. S. C.* i. 337, Rolls ed.).

9. Notification (in English language) by William I to Bp. Herman and Bp. Wulfstan and Earl Eustace and Eadric and Brihtric and all his thanes of Wilts and Gloucestershire. [1067.] Oxford.

That he has granted to his priest, Reinbold, land at Esi [co. Wilts.] and at Latton [co. Wilts.] with sac and soc, as fully and freely as it belonged to King Harold. No man is to molest Reinbold in these possessions, on pain of losing the King's friendship.

[Cirencester Cartulary (copy).
Archaeologia, xxvi. 256.]

On the date of this charter, J. H. Round, *Feudal England*, p. 423.

See *D. B.* i. 68 *b*: 'Rainbaldus presbyter tenet Latone et Aisi. Duo taini tenuerunt pro duobus maneriis T. R. E. Heraldus comes iunxit in unum et geldabat pro novem hidis.' Edric and Brictric appear among the Wiltshire thanes of 1086 (*D. B.* i. 73 *b* and 74). Mr. Round identifies the persons addressed by the King as Brihtric, son of Ælfgar, and Eadric the Wild.

10. Charter by William I to Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester. 1067.

Granting him the vill of Cullaclife, which the bp. has assigned to the use of the monks of St. Mary of Worcester.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Abp. Aldred [of York]; Bp. Odo [of Bayeux], Bp. Wulfstan [of Worcester]; Abbot Ægelwi [of Evesham]; Abbot Wilstan; Earl William; Earl Roger; Richard Scrob; Urse [of Abetot], *minister*; Osbern, *minister*; Robert d'Oilli, *minister*.

[Copy in Heming's Cartulary, Worcester Cathedral; see also Bodleian, Dugdale MS. 39, fo. 119 (abstract from a Worcester Register).
Heming's Cartulary (ed. T. Hearne), ii. 413.]

'Anno Incarnationis Domini nostri Jesu Christi millesimo LXVII . . . in primo anno regni sui.' For the vill ('Clive', co. Worcester) see *D. B.* i. 174.

1067. **11.** *Charter (spurious) by William I to Westminster Abbey.

The King offers upon St. Peter's altar fifty marks of silver and a precious pall, also two others of the same value, and at the high altar two marks of gold and two palls; and confirms the possessions of the abbey (enumerated). He exempts all the men and possessions of the abbey from all royal custom, danegeld, and scot. He grants sac and soc and all customs. The Queen at every coronation is to offer one mark of gold to St. Peter.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Hugh Bp. of London; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Giso Bp. of Wells; Eadwin the Abbot [of Westminster]; Scotland the Abbot [of St. Augustine's, Canterbury]; Ruald the Abbot [of Hyde]; Wlfwold the Abbot [of Chertsey]; Alfnoth the Abbot [of Glastonbury]; Baldwin the Abbot [of Bury St. Edmunds]; Symeon the Abbot; Ælsi the Abbot [of Ramsey]; Maurice the King's Chancellor; Earl Roger; Earl Hugh; Count Alan; Count Robert; Earl Aubrey [of Northumberland]; William fitz Osbern; Hugh de Montfort; Robert de Beaumont; Richard, son of Earl Gilbert; Baldwin his brother; Henry de Ferrers; Hugh de Grantemaisnill; Walter Gifford.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 51 (incomplete); Cartae Antiquae (olim) CC, No. 2; Charter Rolls, 9 Ed. III, No. 5; 3 Ric. I, No. 18; Pat. Roll, 1 Ed. IV, pt. 7, m. 28; Confirmation Rolls, 1 Ric. III, pt. 3, No. 2; 2 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 12; 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 1.

D. K. R. xxix, App. pp. 34–6 (analysed).]

The preamble ascribes this to 1067 which is impossible. Maurice not chancellor till 1078; William fitz Osbern d. in 1071; Hugh Bp. of London began in 1075. Called, in Westminster 'Domesday', the *Prima Carta Regis Willelmi Primi*.

[c. 1067.] **12.** Notification (in English language) by William I to the bishops and earls and thegns in whose shires Abbot Baldwin [of Bury St. Edmunds] has lands and men.

That Baldwin is to have his abbacy with sac and soc, within port and without port, as fully as King Edward, the King's kinsman, granted to him.

[Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38.]

[c. 1067.] **13.** Notification (in English and Latin) by William I: generally addressed.

That he confirms the monks of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, in their rights of sac and soc and other privileges, as they had them in the day of King Edward the Confessor.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 64; P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae, Roll I, No. 13 (English); P. R. O. Exchequer (K. R.) Misc. Bk. xxvii, fo. 151 (Latin).

Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant. p. 347.]

[c. 1067.] **14.** Notification (in English language) by William I to his bishops and earls and sheriffs and thanes in all the shires where Wulfwold, abbot [of Chertsey], has lands and men.

That Wulfwold is to hold his land as fully as in King Edward's day; with sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, over his lands and men, in burh and out of burh, by land and by strand. The King forbids that any man deprive him of any of his property.

[Cotton MS. Vitell. A. XIII, fo. 52*b* (copy).

Monasticon, i. 431.]

[? 1067.] **15.** Charter addressed to Bishop William and Gosfrith the port-reeve, and all the burghers, French and English, of London, by William.

Granting them all the laws of which they were worthy in King Edward's day, and that every child be his father's heir.

[Original in Archives of the Guildhall. Copies in Liber Custumarum, Guildhall, London, fo. 13; Charter Rolls, 1 Hen. IV, pt. 3, No. 8; 2 Hen. V, pt. 2, No. 11. Confirmation Rolls, 1 Ric. III, pt. 3, No. 3; 20 Hen. VII, No. 1; 2 Ed. VI, pt. 3, No. 2; 4 Eliz. pt. 2, No. 4.

Stubbs, *S.C.* p. 82 (8th ed.); *Liber Custumarum* (ed. Riley, i. 25); Liebermann, *Gesetze*, i. 486.]

Gosfrith is almost certainly Geoffrey I de Mandeville (see Round, *G. de M.* p. 439). Bp. William died in 1075. The charter was probably issued at or shortly after the coronation of the Conqueror. A reference to it may be traced in Orderic's account (vol. ii. 64) of the measures taken by the King after his coronation: 'prudenter, iuste, clementerque disposuit quaedam ad ipsius civitatis commoda vel dignitatem,' &c.

16. Notification (in English language) by William I to Edmund his sheriff [of Herts.] and Alfwin Gottun and Leofwin Scufe [Scune *Monast.*]. [? 1067.]

That they are to let St. Peter of Westminster have full possession of the land at Datchworth and Watton [co. Herts.] and to investigate the King's rights there.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 238; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 112 v°.
Monasticon, i. 301, No. xxxvi.]

Alfwine Gottun occurs in the Hertfordshire Domesday (fo. 142, 143) as Alwin of Godtone and Alwin Dodesone. This Edmund the sheriff is not mentioned elsewhere. Datchworth and Watton are included in 1086 among the Hertfordshire estates of Westminster (*D. B.* i. 135).

17. Precept by William I to all his sheriffs of England. [c. 1067.]

That St. Peter of Westminster is to hold, quietly and freely with all customs, the lands which King Edward gave and which the Saint used to hold, as in the time of the said King.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 47 (copy).]

18. Notification (in English language) by William I to Bundi the Staller and Swawold the sheriff, and all the thanes of Oxfordshire. [c. 1067.]

That Westminster Abbey is to have its half-hide at Marston.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 295; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 112 v°.
Monasticon, i. 301, No. xxxiv.]

This half-hide was the gift of Edward the Confessor (Thorpe, *Diplom.* p. 368; *D. B.* i. 157).

19. Notification (in English language) by William I: addressed generally. [c. 1067.]

That he has confirmed to Regenbald his priest all his lands, to hold as freely as in King Edward's day.

[Cirencester Cartulary (copy).
Archaeologia, xxvi. 256.]

For Regenbald, chancellor of Edward the Confessor, see J. H. Round in *Dict. Nat. Biog.* and also in *Feudal England*, p. 421. Regenbald appears in *D. B.* as holding lands in Wilts. (i. 68 *b*), in Gloucestershire (i. 166 *b*), and in Somerset (i. 91); T. R. E. he had held land in Herefordshire.

20. Notification that William of Vernon, his son Hugh and his wife Emma, receiving the fellowship of the abbey of the Holy Trinity of Rouen have given the abbey freedom, on all its property, from tolls which pertain to them or to the castle of Vernon. This agreement was made by Abbot Rainer in the market-place at Vernon. William, King of the English and Duke of the Normans, assents to it. [c. 1067.]

Signa: King William; William of Vernon; Emma his wife; Odard; Normannus, son of Ruil; Ansered, son of Gerelm; Walter, son of Richard; Raberius Longus; Letard the *thelonarius*; Gilbert Taillant; Herbert, *macecrarius*; William, son of Gonfred, *macecrarius*; Osmund his son; Richard, son of Herbert, *gravator*.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. xvi (copy).
Deville, *Cart. de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 430; Round, *C. D. F.* 82 (calendared).]

21. Charter by William I, Lord of Normandy and King of England by hereditary right. [? 1067.]

After conquering England, he bestows on St. Peter of Jumièges an island called Hayling (*Hellingeae*).

Signa: Vivinus Bp.; Walthief, *dux*; William, *minister*; Ingelric.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MS. Lat. 5424, fo. 179 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1423 (calendared).]

Whit-Sunday 1068. Westminster.

22. Diploma (OE. form; bilingual) by William I to the church of St. Martin [le Grand], London.

Confirming the grants of Ingelric the priest in Essex; namely Good Easter, with the berewick of Mashbury; Norton, Stanford Rivers, Fobbing, Bendish, Chrishall, Tolleshunt, Rivenhall, Ongar; land in Benfleet and in Hoddesdon [now co. Herts.]; the church, land, and tithes in Maldon. And granting, on the King's own part, the land and moor outside Cripplegate, from the north corner of the city-wall to the stream which enters the city. The canons are to elect from their own number a proctor (*procuratorem*) to administer their property. Their church is to be free from the interference of bishops, archdeacons, &c., and from every royal exaction. They are to have sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief, blod-wite, mund-brice, burh-brice, miskenninge, sceawinge, hlaestinge, frithsocne, fleamenafirmthe, wergeld-theof, uthleap, forfeng, fyhfenge, firdwite, fihtwite, weardwite, hengewite, hamsokne, forsteal, and whatever other liberties are enjoyed by any church in England.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Richard the King's son; Stigand Abp. [of Canterbury]; Aldred Abp. [of York]; William Bp. of London; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Hugh Bp. of Lisieux; Gosfrid Bp. [of Coutances]; Herman Bp. [of Sherborne]; Leofric Bp. [of Exeter]; Giso Bp. [of Wells]; Eadwin Abbot [of Westminster]; Wulfwold Abbot [of Chertsey]; Baldwin Abbot [of Bury St. Edmunds]; Ægelsin Abbot [of Bath]; Turstin Abbot [of Glastonbury]; Brand Abbot [of Peterborough]; Ælfwin Abbot [of Ramsey]; Ægelwi Abbot [of Evesham]; Sihtric Abbot [of Tavistock]; William fitz Osbert Earl [of Hereford]; Robert [of Mortain] the King's brother; Eadwin Earl [of Mercia]; Count Robert [of Eu]; Morcar Earl [of Northumbria]; Waltheof Earl [of Northampton]; Roger of Montgomery Earl [of Shrewsbury]; Richard fitz Gilbert, *princeps*; William Malet, *princeps*; Arfast the Chancellor; Michael, King's chaplain; Gilbert, chaplain; Osbern, chaplain; William, chaplain; Thomas, chaplain; Bernard, chaplain; Walter, chaplain; Robert, chaplain. *Added later*: John, cardinal priest and legate; Peter, cardinal priest and chancellor.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 2 Ed. II, No. 4; 1–20 Hen. VI, No. 16. Pat. Rolls, 1 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 4; 8 Ed. IV, pt. 1, m. 3; 2 Hen. VII, pt. 2, m. (?) 13. Confirmation Roll, 5 Hen. VII, No. 16.

E. H. R. xi. 731–44; *Monasticon*, vi. 1323 (imperfect).]

'Scripta est haec cartula anno ab incarnatione Domini MLXVIII°, scilicet secundo anno regni mei. Peracta vero est hec donacio die Natali Domini; et postmodum in die Pentecostes confirmata, quando Matilda coniux mea in basilica S. Petri Westmonasterii in reginam divino nutu est consecrata.'

Matilda was not in England at Christmas, 1067. These witnesses are witnesses to the confirmation, not to the original grant. They should be compared with those of the charter to Giso of Wells [No. 23]. The cardinals John and Peter did not visit England till 1070; by that time Abp. Aldred was dead, and Michael the chaplain was Bp. of Avranches. See further on the date J. H. Round, *Commune of London*, p. 30 ff.

The editor of the charter (Mr. Stevenson) accepts it as genuine *in toto*. But the long list of judicial privileges has a suspicious air, and may be a later addition, like the names of the cardinals. To a small extent the evidence of *D. B.* confirms that of the charter. Good Easter is entered (*D. B.* ii. 20) as belonging to St. Martin's by the gift of Count Eustace; Mashbury is perhaps the berewick appurtenant to Good Easter which the Count retained in his own hand. Maldon (ii. 29) and Tolleshunt (ii. 32) are entered as grants from Count Eustace. Benfleet manor and church belonged to Westminster Abbey by the gift of King William; but the survey records as the property of St. Martin the hide in Benfleet which is named in this charter: 'octavam hidam de eadem ecclesia Sanctae Mariae dedit Ingelricus Sancto Martino; et adhuc ibi est ut consulatus testatur sine iussu regis.' This seems to mean that St. Martin could show no charter for the hide in Benfleet, and casts a doubt on the details of the grant which the charter records. Most of the other places mentioned in this charter appear in *D. B.* as the property of Count Eustace. He may have ignored the King's confirmation of Ingelric's grants. But it is also possible that the King's confirmation was far less comprehensive than is here represented.

23. Diploma by William I to Giso Bp. of Wells. [Whitsuntide 1068.]

Restoring thirty hides in Banwell [co. Somerset] which Harold had appropriated. This grant the King release from every custom 'ab omni fiscali vectigalique iure tribus tantum exceptis, expedicione, pontis et arcis edificacione'.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Stigand Abp. [of Canterbury]; Aldred Abp. [of York]; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux], the King's brother; Gosfrid Bp. [of Coutances]; Herman Bp. [of Sherborne]; Leofric Bp. [of Exeter]; Ægelmar (*Gilmaer*) Bp. [of Elmham]; William Bp. [of London]; Ægelric Bp. [of Selsey]; Wulfsig (?) Bp.; Remigius Bp. [of Dorchester]; Æthelnoth Abbot [of Glastonbury]; Leofweard Abbot [of Michelney]; Wulfwold Abbot [of Chertsey]; Wulfgeat Abbot; William [fitz Osbert] *dux*; Waltheof *dux*; Edwin *dux*; Robert [of Mortain] the King's brother; Roger [of Montgomery] *princeps*; Walter Giffard (*Gefeheard*); Hugo de Montfort (*Muntforz*); William de Curcello; Serlo de Burgh (*Burca*); Roger Derundel; Richard the King's son; Walter Fleminc; Rambriht Fleminc; Thurstan; Baldwin de Wartenbeige; Othelheard; Heimeric; Tovi *minister* [sheriff of Somerset]; Dinni; Ælfgeard Thorne; William de Walville; Bundi the Staller; Robert the Staller; Robert de Ylie; Roger *pincerna*; Wulfweard; Herding; Adzor; Brixi; Brihtric.

Dated 'anno dominice incarnacionis Mill. LXVII. Indict. VI'.

[Liber Albus II (Dean and Chapter, Wells), fo. 246 v° (copy).
Somerset Archaeol. Soc. Proceedings, xxiii, p. 19. Earle's *Land-Charters*, p. 431. Hist. MSS. Comm. *Cal. of MSS. of Dean and Chapter, Wells*, i. 431 (calendared).]

For the thirty hides at Banwell, formerly held by Harold, see *D. B.* i. 89 *b*.

Queen Matilda did not arrive in England till after Easter 1068 (*Orderic*, ii. 181). Freeman (*Somerset Arch. Soc. Proceedings*, n.s.) argues for 1068 as the date. This would agree with the note of the indiction. William fitz Osbern was put in command of York early in 1069, and remained there when the King came south for Easter, and immediately after Easter Matilda returned to Normandy. Only in 1068 could all the witnesses here collected be got together. The *Wulfsig* who appears among the bps. must be a copyist's blunder (? Wulfstan). This charter appears to have been issued on the same occasion as the charter of William I to St. Martin's le Grand [No. 22], if we may judge from a comparison of the list of witnesses. The St. Martin's charter was unknown to Mr. Freeman, but corroborates his arguments as to the date of the present document.

24. Notification that in the year 1068 William the earl, son of Osbern *Dapifer*, having gone beyond the sea with his lord King William, and being detained there by some illness, gave to the Holy Trinity, Rouen, for his soul's sake, the dues of all the wood called Longboël. The earl's son William coming to the abbey afterwards gladly confirmed his father's gift. 1068.

Signa: William fitz Osbern, Earl [of Hereford]; William his son; William Alis; Gozelin son of Ivo; Durand the forester.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. lv (copy).
Deville, *Cart. de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 451; Round, *C. D. F.* 75 (calendared).]

25. Notification (in English language) by William I to Bp. Leofwin [of Lichfield] and Earl Edwin, and all the thanes of Staffordshire. [1066–8.]

That the land at Perton [co. Staffs.] belongs to the altar of St. Peter of Westminster as fully and freely as King Edward, the King's kinsman gave it. Abbot Ægelwy [of Evesham] and Thurkill the sheriff are to protect the land for the abbey.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 679; Cotton Faustina A. III, f. 113 v°.
Monasticon, i. 301, No. xxxix.]

The date of Leofwin's death is unknown. His successor, Peter, was consecrated in 1072 (see the Acts of Lanfranc in Thorpe's ed. of *A. S. C.* i. 387). It may be assumed that this writ was issued before the revolt of Earl Edwin in 1068. Perton is entered in Domesday as the property of Westminster (*D. B.* i. 247 *b*).

25a. Confirmation by William I to St. Martin of Troarn. [1067–8.]

Of a grant made by Herbert, son of Geoffrey [de l'Epinay] of lands at Caumont sur Dive and salt pits in La Touque.

Signa: William, *Dei gratia Anglorum rex et Normannorum princeps*; Queen Matilda; Roger de Beaumont; Richard the boy [nephew of the donor]; Matilda his mother; Robert, Henry, William; Robert, son of — de La Touque; Osbern his *prepositus*: Anschetill his *pincerna*; Roger; Michael Bp. [of Avranches]; Fu —; Godfrey Wiscart; Geoffrey his son.

[Original in Archives du Calvados (in bad condition).
Sauvage, *Troarn*, p. 302.]
On the date see Sauvage, *ad loc.*

1069 'in secunda die Pasche' [April 13]. Winchester, 'in monasterio sancti Spiðdun'.

26. Diploma by William I, King of the English, Count of the Normans and men of Maine, to all the faithful.

He and his wife (*collateralis*) Matilda, with the advice of their barons, have given to St. Denis the church of Deerhurst, in Gloucestershire, as King Edward gave it to their faithful subject, Baldwin, a monk of the aforesaid Saint, before he became Abbot of St. Edmund's Bury. They have also confirmed King Edward's gift of Teynton (co. Oxon.).

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Richard the King's son; Stigand Abp. of Canterbury; Aldred Abp. of York; William Bp. of London; Æthelric[1] Bp. [of Selsey]; Hermann Bp. [of Sherborne]; Giso Bp. [of Wells]; Leofric Bp. [of Exeter]; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux], the King's brother; Gosfrid Bp. of St. Lo[2]; Baldwin Bp. of Évreux; Ernald Bp. of Le Mans; Count Robert [of Mortain], the King's brother; Earl William fitz Osbert [of Hereford]; Robert Count of Eu; Earl Ralph [of Norfolk]; Brien; Fulco[3] de Alnou; Henry de Ferrars; Hugo de Montfort; Richard, son of Earl Gilbert; Roger de Ivri; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Robert, brother of Hamo.

[Cartons des Rois, K. 20, No. 5 (original, sealed); Bodleian, Dugdale MS. XI, fo. 61 v° (ex chartulario S. Dionisii).
Doublet, *Histoire de l'Abbaye de Saint-Denis* (1625), p. 839; Tardif, *Archives de l'Empire* (1866), p. 179; *Monasticon*, iv. 665.]
For the manor of Deerhurst see *D. B.* i. 166, where it appears as the property of St. Denis, and held from the Crown. For Teynton see *D. B.* i. 157: 'Ecclesia Sancti Dyonisii Parisii tenet de rege Teigtone. Rex E. dedit ei.'
This charter is remarkable as being drawn up on the lines of an Old English diploma. and written by an English clerk (see Stevenson in *E. H. R.* xi. 735 *note*).

[1] *Arelricus* Tardif.
[2] In Dugdale's copy the reading is 'Goiffridus episcopus I. Landavensis.' St. Lo = Coutances.
[3] *Radulfus* (Dugdale).

[1069 Nov.-Dec.] York 'in obsidione'.

27. *'Ego Gulielmus cognomine Bastardus, Rex Anglie, do et concedo tibi nepoti meo Alano Britanniae Comiti et heredibus tuis imperpetuum omnes villas et terras quae nuper fuerunt Comitis Edwini in Eborashiria, cum feodis militum et aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus ita libere et honorifice sicut idem Edwinus eadem tenuit.'

[Copy in Register of Honour of Richmond, Cotton MS. Faustina B. VII.
Selden, *Titles of Honour* (1631), p. 646; Drake's *Eboracum* (1736), i. 88; Gale, *Registrum Honoris de Richmond* (1722), frontispiece.]
This pseudo-charter is appended to an illustration (reproduced by Gale and by Drake, *u. s.*) which represents William I delivering the above charter to Count Alan, who kneels before him. The document is only valuable as the record of a tradition.

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28. Grant (in diploma form) by William I, *victoriosus Anglorum basileus*, to Leofric [of Exeter], his faithful bishop.

Of permission to give seven *mansi*, at Bampton, Easton, Chimney [co. Oxon.], and Holacumb [East Teignmouth, co. Devon], to the church of the Apostle Peter in Exeter, where is his episcopal see. (An OE. list of the boundaries given between the dating clause and list of witnesses.)

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; Stigand Abp. of Canterbury; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux]; Hermann Bp. [of Sherborne]; Leofric Bp. [of Exeter]; Gosfrid Bp. [of Coutances]; Giso Bp. [of Wells]; William Bp. [of London]; Baldwin Abbot [of Bury St. Edmunds]; Count Robert; Earl William [of

Hereford]; Count Brian [son of Odo of Brittany]; Earl Edwin; Earl Morcar; Earl Ralph [of Norfolk]; Herfast the Chancellor; Ingelric the priest; William the sheriff; Roger the sheriff; Leofnoð, *minister*; Richard, *minister*; Folco, *minister*; Hugo, *minister*; Ralph, *minister*.

[Original penes Dean and Chapter, Exeter. Copy in Lansdowne MS. 966 fo. 82.
Hickes, *Dissertatio Epistolaris*, p. 77; *Journal Brit. Arch. Ass.* xxxix (1883), p. 299; *Monasticon*, ii. 531; *Facs. of A.S. MSS.* (Ordnance Survey) pt. ii, *Exeter*, xvi.]

'Anno dominicę incarnationis Millesimo LXVIIII, consentiente Wilhelmo rege data est hęc terra ęcclesię Sancti Petri Apostoli in Exonia civitate a uenerabili Leofrico sub testimonio eorum qui subscripti sunt.'

Queen Matilda came to England for Whitsuntide 1068, and remained till Easter, 1069. William the sheriff may be the *Guillelmus Gualdi* (Orderic, ii. 190) who defended Exeter in 1069.

29. Record of a grant by William I to the Holy Trinity of Rouen. 1069. Winchester.

Of the land which in English is called Hermodesodes [Harmondsworth, co. Middlesex] with the church and all its appurtenances. The grant was made in the year 1069 in the presence of Abbot Rainer and two monks named Nicholas and William. The gift was given at the suggestion of William, son of Osbern *Dapifer*, 'qui comes erat palatii,' when the King was at the royal vill of Winchester (*Gueritho*). 'Haec donatio facta est per unum cultellum quem praefatus rex iocullariter dans abbati quasi eius palmae minatur infigere; "ita" inquit "terra donari debet".'

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; William fitz Osbern; William Bp. of London; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Robert fitz Guimar; Richard, son of Torstein Goiz; Herfast, then chaplain, afterwards Bp. [of Elmham]; Hugo de Sillevilla.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. lxvii (copy).
Deville, *Cart. de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 455; and thence in Harcourt, *His Grace the Steward*, p. 13; Stapleton, *Magni Rotuli Scacc. Normanniae*, I, p. xvii; Round, *C. D. F.* 77 (calendared).]

This manor is duly entered in *D. B.* (Middlesex), i. 128 *b*, as belonging to the Abbot of the Holy Trinity. It had formerly belonged to Harold. On the office *comes palatii* see Stapleton and Harcourt, *u. s.*; also Haskins in *Amer. Hist. Rev.* xiv. 475.

30. Charter by William, Duke of the Normans and King of the English, to Abbey of St. Martin's, Troarn. 1069.

Confirming to the monks the property which he and Roger of Montgomery and his other lieges had given.

Witnesses: William King of the English; Matilda the Queen; John the Archbishop; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Hugh Bp. of Lisieux; Roger de Montgomeri; Count Robert the King's son; Robert the son of Roger; Count Odo [of Champagne]; Richard de Curci; Ralph de Montpincon.

[Cartulary of Troarn (Archives du Calvados), fo. 2 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 463 (calendared); Sauvage, *Troarn*, p. 348.]

'Hec firmacio facta est . . . anno domini e Incarnationis M° LX° VIIII° secundo vero ex quo unctus est et coronatus (sc. Willelmus).' These chronological data are inconsistent. But as John received the see of Rouen in 1069, the charter belongs, at the earliest, to this year. Sauvage reads M°LX°VIII°.

31. Notification (in English language) by William to all his thanes, French and English, of Yorkshire. [1066–9.]

That he has given St. John of Beverley sac and soc over all his lands where he had these rights in Edward's day, and over all the lands that Abp. Aldred has since given. The land is to be free both in 'witword' and in 'caupland', as regards the king and every other man, save the bishop's rights and those of the minster priests.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 4 Ed. II, No. 52; 4 Ed. III, m. 20. Pat. Roll, 20 Hen. VI, pt. 4, m. 11. Confirmation Rolls, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 13; 3 & 4 Phil. and M., No. 15.
Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, p. 438.]

Cf. for the terms 'witword' and 'caupland' the following passages: *North. Priests' Law*, 67, 1 (Liebermann, *Ges. der A.-S.* i. 385); III Æthelred 3 (ib. i. 228). Liebermann explains the first as meaning a contract (*Vertrag*); the second, which in the law appears as *landcop*, means 'the selling of land'. See further Vinogradoff, *English Society*, p. 9.

[1066–9.] **32.** Notification (in English language) by William I to Abp. Aldred [of York] and Wulfstan Bp. [of Worcester] and Earl William [fitz Osbern] and all his thanes of Gloucestershire, Worcestershire [and Oxfordshire].[1]

That St. Peter of Westminster is to have Pershore [co. Worcester] and Deerhurst [co. Glos.] as given by King Edward, with all the customs which pertained to them when in Edward's hand.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 298 v°; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 113 v°. *Monasticon*, i. 301, No. xl.]

For Pershore see *D. B.* i. 174 *b*: 'Rex Eduuardus tenuit hoc manerium et eidem ecclesie dedit ita quietum et liberum ab omni calumnia sicut ipse in suo dominio tenebat.' For Deerhurst see *D. B.* i. 166.

[1] The Cotton text omits this shire; and the charter does not relate to lands in co. Oxon.

[1066–9.] **33.** Notification (in English language) by William I to all his earls and thanes in those shires where Aldred Abp. [of York] has lands.

That the King's will is that Aldred hold his see and his soc, toll and team, over all his men and the lands of his men, in boroughs and outside boroughs, as in the day of King Edward. No man is to wrong him or his tenants.

[Reg. Magnum Album, York Minster, Part I, fo. 62 v° (copy).]

The text of this document is exceedingly corrupt.

1070 June 27. Westminster. **34.** *Charter (spurious) by William I to Westminster Abbey.

Confirming the privileges granted by Edward the Confessor, as agreed to at the council of Westminster, with freedom from episcopal and lay authority. A curse denounced on those who violate these privileges.

Witnesses: King William; Abp. Lanfranc of Canterbury; Abp. Thomas of York; Hugh Bp. of London; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux]; Geoffrey Bp. [of Coutances]; Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Remigius Bp. [of Dorchester]; Wulfstan Bp. [of Worcester]; Giso Bp. [of Wells]; Walter Bp.; Hermann Bp. [of Sherborne]; Leofric Bp. [of Exeter]; Abbot Scotland [of St. Augustine's, Canterbury]; Abbot Wulfwold [of Chertsey]; Abbot Vitalis [of Westminster]; Abbot Baldwin [of Bury St. Edmunds]; Abbot Serlo (*Sedo*) [of Gloucester]; Abbot Ægelwy [of Evesham]; Robert Count of Mortain; Earl William fitz Osbern; Earl Roger; Earl Aubrey [of Northumberland]; Osmund the King's Chancellor; Robert de Beaumont; Walter Giffard.

Fragment of seal in bag.

[Westminster Chapter House, Case B, No. xxvii (*b*) [pretended original]; 'Domesday,' fo. 55 (later half only).]

The so-called *Carta Secunda Regis Willelmi*. It is dated: 'Anno dominicе incarnacionis LXX^{so} et adepti imperii prenominati gloriosi regis Willelmi anno quarto, die predicti festi pentecostes, vj kal. Junii, scripta est hec carta et sigillata, &c. *In Dei nomine feliciter Amen.*'

1070. Windsor. **35.** Diploma (of dubious authenticity) by William I to St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Granting the churches, and tithes of the royal rents, in the manors of Faversham and Milton [co. Kent], excepting only the tithe of honey and of money-rent (*gabli denariorum*).

Witnesses: Gosfrid Bp. of St. Loth' (i.e. Coutances); William Bp. of London; Hugo de Port; 'et aliis eius quam plurimis optimatibus.'

[Copies in Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 95 v°; P.R.O. Cart. St. Aug. Cant. fo. 87; Charter Roll, 20 Ed. II, No. 6; Cartae Antiquae, Roll I, No. 8; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, m. 29; Charter Roll, 8 Hen. IV, No. 1; Pat. Roll, 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 5.

D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 32 (calendared); *Monasticon*, i. 144.]

'Facta est hec donacio in villa que dicitur Wyndesor anno incarnacionis domini millesimo LXX.'

Another grant of the same tenor, but with different witnesses, in the *Historia S. Augustini* (R.S.), p. 348 (*infra*, No. 39). Cf. *D. B.* fo. 2 *b* (Milton): 'Ecclesias et decimas huius manerii tenet abbas S. Augustini et XL solidi de iiij solins regis exeunt ei.' But the church of Faversham is not mentioned under Terra Regis or under Terra Sancti Augustini. This charter is therefore suspicious.

36. Notification by William I to Wulfstan, Bp. of Worcester, and W[illiam] fitz Osbert, and all his barons and officials of Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. [1070.]

That he has confirmed to God and St. Peter and Abbot Serlo, and the monks of Gloucester, the lands which Abp. Thomas of York held unjustly, viz. East Leach, Oddington, and Standish, with their appurtenances; to hold freely according as it was stated by a jury (*recognitum*) in the King's presence that the said lands belonged to St. Peter of Gloucester from the beginning, and that the archbishop had no right in those lands. The lands are to be held with sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, and all rights and customs which the King has granted by his royal power to the said church. No one is to do injury or wrong to the church, or make any claim, in contravention of this order, on pain of the King's forfeiture.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Robert Count of Mortain.

[Dean and Chapter, Hereford (supposed original). Copies in Gloucester Cartulary (P. R. O.), fo. 150 v°; Gloucester Cathedral, Reg. B; Charter Roll, 2 Hen. V, pt. 1, m. 6; Pat. Roll, 8 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 13; Confirmation Roll, 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 10, No. 2.
Capes's *Charters of Hereford Cathedral* (1908), p. 2; *Cart. Mon. S. Petr. Glouc.* ii. 107; *Bristol and Glouc. Archaeol. Soc.* xxvii. 49 (transl.).]

Abp. Thomas received the see of York in 1070. William fitz Osbern died abroad in Feb. 1071. The trial before the King took place most probably at the same date as the suit between Abp. Thomas and Bp. Wulfstan, in a council held at 'Pedreda' late in 1070 (Flor. Wig. *s. a.*). It appears from this charter that Serlo became abbot in 1070 or 1071, not in 1072 as stated by the *Historia S. Petri Glouc.* But perhaps the charter is a forgery of the first half of the twelfth century.

The lands here mentioned are entered in *Domesday Book* (i. 164 *b*) as belonging to Abp. Thomas, but formerly in the possession of St. Peter of Gloucester. There is no reference in *D. B.* to the lawsuit mentioned in this charter, or to any royal decision in favour of the abbey. A composition respecting these lands was effected in 1157 (*Gloucester Cart.* ii. 105). The *Historia S. Petri Glouc.* (p. 93) states that Abp. Thomas restored these lands in 1095; and they appear to have been in the possession of the abbey in the first half of the twelfth century.

37. Charter (?spurious) by William I addressed to all his subjects in England. 1070. [Winchester.]

Granting to St. Peter of the New Minster [Winchester] and Abbot Rywallon the church of Alton with five hides of land, tithes, &c.; and that of [King's] Clere with four hides and a virgate, tithes, &c. To be held as freely as the site of their cemetery which he has received by way of exchange (*mutuo*) from the abbot as a site for his hall.

[B.M. Stowe MS. 960, fo. 71 (original or early copy).
Birch, *Liber Vitae*, p. 111 (with facsimile); *Athenaeum*, 28 Nov. 1891 (facsimile).]

No witnesses or seal, but at the foot a cross roughly drawn. On the question of authenticity see Birch's notes, *ad loc.* The form is French. Date from *Liber Vitae*, p. 2.

38. Notification (in English language) by William to earls, reeves, &c., where Abp. Lanfranc and the convent of Christ Church, Canterbury, have lands. [c. 1070.]

That they have sac and soc, toll and theam, grithbryce and hamsoken, forsteal and infangenthief and flymenafyrmth, over their own men in burh and out of burh, and over Christ Church and as many thegns as the King has allowed them to have.

[Copies in Pat. Roll, 12 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 9; Confirmation Roll, 4 Henry VII, pt. 1, m. 14, No. 4; Add. MS. 6159, fo. 7.
Cal. Pat. Rolls, 12 Hen. VI, p. 416.]

[? 1070.] Windesore. **39.** *Grant (spurious or interpolated) by William I to St. Augustine's, Canterbury.

Of the churches and tithes of Faversham and Milton.

Witnesses: King William: Robert; William the bishop; Ædwin [Earl of Mercia]; William Malet: Arfast the chancellor; Gosfrid the sheriff; Gilbert Maminot.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 64; Cotton Julius D. II, fo. 97 v°; Cotton Claud. D. X, fo. 257.
Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant. p. 348; *Monasticon*, i. 144.]

'Anno ab incarnatione MDLXXII facta est haec donatio' (Cambridge MS.). But Cott. Claud. D. X reads 'anno Incarn. domini millesimo septuagesimo'.

The date given in the Cotton MS. is to be preferred. For Arfast became a bishop in May 1070, and Earl Edwin rebelled in 1071. On the reasons for doubting the authenticity see the notes to No. 35 *supra*.

[1066–70.] **40.** Precept (in English language) by William I to Ægelmar Bp. [of Elmham] and Earl Ralph [of Norfolk] and the King's thegns of Norfolk and Suffolk.

That Abbot Baldwin [of Bury St. Edmunds] is to hold the lands of his tenants slain fighting against the King.

[*Album Registrum S. Edmundi* (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38.]

The exact date of the appointment of Earl Ralph as Earl of Norfolk is uncertain. Orderic mentions him in 1069 as defending Norwich against the Northmen (ii. 191).

[1066–70.] **41.** Notification (in English language) by William I to Bp. Ægelmar [of Elmham] and Earl Ralph [of Norfolk] and Northman [sheriff of Suffolk] and all the thanes of Suffolk.

That the monastery of Bury St. Edmunds is to have the soc over eight and a half hundreds as Ælfric, son of Wythgar, and Ordgar held it for Queen Emma; with frith-wite and flit-wite and ebberethef and grith-brice and forsteal and hamsocn. No one is to meddle there except St. Edmund and Abbot Baldwin.

[Copies in Cartae Antiquae, i. 4; Harley MS. 743, fo. 59 v°. Less correctly in the *Album Registrum S. Edmundi* (B.M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v°.
E. H. R. xxiv. 423.]

On the history of this soc see *E. H. R.* xxiv. 417 ff. Normannus *vicecomes* appears in *Domesday Book* (ii. 438) as still in office.

[1066–70.] **42.** Notification (in English language) by William I to Bp. Ægelmar [of Elmham] and Earl Ralph of the King's thegns of Norfolk and Suffolk.

That he has granted Abbot Baldwin [of Bury St. Edmunds] a moneyer at Bury St. Edmunds, as freely as King Edward, the King's kinsman, granted.

[*Album Registrum S. Edmundi* (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38.
E. H. R. xxiv. 424.]

[1066–70.] **43.** Precept by William I to Bp. Ægelmar [of Elmham] and Earl R[alph] and all his barons and sheriffs wherever St. Edmund has lands.

That the demesnes of St. Edmund are to be quit of all scots and gelds as in the time of King Edward.

[Copies in *Album Registrum S. Edmundi* (B.M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v° and fo. 38.]

[1066–70.] **44.** Notification by William to E[gelmar Bp. of Elmham], B[aldwin] Abbot [of St. Edmunds], and W[illiam] Malet.

That he has granted the service due from Livermere [co. Suffolk], which Werno has hitherto held from the King, to St. Edmund. Let the daughter of Werno hold it for her life-time from Abbot B[aldwin].

[Copies in *Album Registrum S. Edmundi* (B.M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v° and fo. 38.
Round, *Feudal England*, p. 429.]

The history of this transaction is illustrated by the account of Livermere in *D. B.* (ii. 363 *b*): 'Huius terram rex accepit de abbate et dedit Guernoni de Peiz. Postea licentia regis deveniens monachus reddidit terram.' In 1086 the land is held by one Frodo, possibly the son-in-law of Werno. It would seem that William Malet here appears as sheriff.

45. Notification (in English language) by William I to Abp. Stigand and Earl Eustace and the King's thanes of Surrey. [1066–70.]

That he has granted to St. Peter of Westminster the land at Battersea and Pirford, as fully and freely as Harold had it on the day when he was alive and dead.

[Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 112 v° (copy).
Monasticon, i. 301, No. xxxv.]

Addressed to Stigand in his character of Bp. of Winchester.

Both manors had belonged to Harold: both are entered among the Surrey possessions of Domesday in 1086 (*D. B.* i. 32). Of Battersea the survey says: 'Hoc manerium dedit Rex Willelmus Sancto Petro pro excambio de Windesores.' This charter helps to fix the date of the King's castle at Windsor.

46. Record of a confirmation by King William to the abbot and monks of St. Florent. [1069 or 1070] Feb. 4. Salisbury.

Of the tithes and lands which Wethenoc of Monmouth had given to St. Florent. This confirmation was granted in the King's chamber in the castle called Salisbury.

Witnesses: Count Alan; Badoron brother of Wethenoc; Wethenoc, who made the gift; Ralph the monk of St. Florent, who had gone to the King on this business.

[Original in Archives of Maine-et-Loire.
P. Marchegay, *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, xl. 174. Also in Marchegay's *Chartes anciennes du Prieuré de Monmouth* (1879), p. 16; Round, *C. D. F.* 1135 (calendared).]

Part of this grant is mentioned in the Domesday description of Monmouth (i. 180 *b*): 'Huius castelli aecclesiam et omnem decimam cum ii carucatis terrae tenet S. Florentius de Salmur.'

47. Notification (bilingual) by William I to Bishop Herfast, Abbot Baldwin, the sheriffs Picot and Robert Malet, and others the King's lieges. 1071 Jan. London.

That the King has granted to Abp. Lanfranc the manor called Fracenham [Frekenham, co. Suff.] as Harold held it on the day when the King crossed the sea, and as Turbartus and Gotinus held it of Harold, with all lands, meadows, pastures, woods, villeins (*rustici*), and socmen,[1] and all other things [7 made 7 læse 7 weode 7 geneatas 7 socumen 7 ealle þing þe þas toȝebyriad].

[Copies in Textus Roffensis LXXXV; Cotton MSS. Domitian A. X. 9, and Faust. B. V; Add. MS. 29437, fo. 8 (ex libro de Roff.).
Wharton, *Anglia Sacra* (1691), i. 336; Hearne, *Textus Roffensis* (1720), 141; Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), 359, and 445–6 [the latter has interesting variants and comes from Cotton Faustina B. V.]

On this grant see *D. B.* ii, fo. 381: 'Frakenaham tenuit Orthi teinus Heroldi T. R. E. et postea derationatus est Lanfrancus iussu regis in episcopatum Rovensem.'

[1] Here Cotton Faustina B. V has the words, 'cum advocacionibus ecclesiarum de Frekenham et Iselham ac omnibus aliis libertatibus ad predictum manerium et ad predictarum ecclesiarum advocaciones quoquo modo pertinentibus. Dat. London. mense Januarii anno coronacionis quinto et Verbi incarnati millesimo LXXI°.'

48. Record of grant by William I to the abbey of St. Amand at Rouen. 1071

Granting the nuns over all that they hold in Rouen the customs enjoyed by St. Ouen; and three bakers, quit of all service, with their multure, and that of all the citizens belonging to St. Amand and their toll and profit.

Witnesses: Hugo *pincerna*; William fitz Osbern; Stigand *dapifer*; Ralph de Montpinçon. On behalf of St. Amand: Robert de Botes; Turstin fitz Wilgrin; Walcher.

[Cartulary of St. Amand of Rouen (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), fo. 7 *d* (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 91 (calendared). Pommeraye, *St. Amand*, p. 82.]

This is dated in the fifth year of King William. Compare No. 56 *infra*.

49. Notification by William to Lanfranc the Archbishop, Robert de Oilly, Roger de Pistri, and all his other lieges of England. [c. 1071.]

Granting to St. Mary of Abingdon and Athelelm the Abbot, all the customs over his lands which he can prove by writ or charter (*per breve vel cartam*)

that the church of St. Mary and his predecessor possessed by the gift of King Edward.

[Copy in B.M. Cotton MS. Claud. C. IX, fo. 134.
Hist. Mon. de Abingdon (R. S.) ii. 1; *Monasticon*, i. 518.]
Athelelm was appointed about 1071.

[c. 1071.] **50.** Precept by William I to L[anfranc] Abp. of Canterbury and [Geoffrey] Bp. of Coutances and R[obert] Count of Eu and R[ichard] son of Earl Gilbert and H[ugh] de Montfort and his other barons of the realm of England.

Ordering them to summon the King's sheriffs and tell them in his name that they are to restore to all bishoprics and abbeys the lands which the bishops and abbots have given away, or allowed to be taken, or have themselves abstracted. If the addressees have received any such lands they are to give them up at once.

[Copies in Canterbury, Dean and Chapter, Reg. E, fo. 18; and Reg. I, fo. 60; Cotton MS. Cleopatra E 1, fo. 93 (transcript).
Brady's *History of England*, i. 191; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 4; *Foedera*, i. 3.]

[1066–71.] **51.** Notification by William I: generally addressed.

That he confirms to St. Peter's abbey, Chertsey, all its possessions; with sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief, grithbrich, foresteal, flymenafyrmth and hamsocn. And grants the monks the rights of free warren and of keeping dogs to catch hares and foxes. And exempts the manors of Chertsey, Egham, Thorpe, and Chobham [all co. Surrey] from all exactions and customs.

Witness: William fitz Osbert.

[Copies in Cartae Antiquae D, No. 10; ibid. OO, No. 1; Cotton Vitell. A. XIII, p. 54.
Foedera, i. 2.]

[1067–71.] **52.** Notification (? spurious) by William I to Remigius Bp. of Lincoln and William fitz Osbert and all of Oxfordshire.

That St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot Edwin and his monks are to have their manor of Islip, the birthplace of King Edward, with all the privileges with which Edward gave it; to be held with sac and soc, toll and team and *latrocinium*, and all laws and customs pertaining to the Crown; free of all plaints and shires and hundreds, scot and geld and danegeld.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. [of Bayeux], the King's brother; Robert Count of Mortain, the King's brother; Hugo de Montfort.

[Chapter House, Westminster, Case B, No. xxv (copy of 12th cent.); MS. Cotton Faust. A. III (copy); Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 292 (copy).
Journal Brit. Arch. Ass. v. 42.]
For King Edward's grant see Thorpe, *Diplom.* p. 368. In *D. B.* Islip is not mentioned as belonging to Westminster Abbey. Remigius did not remove to Lincoln before 1072.

[1067–71.] **53.** Notification by William I to Remigius Bp. of Lincoln and William fitz Osbern and all of England.

That he has confirmed to St. Peter and abbot Edwin and the monks of Westminster their manor of Aldenham [co. Herts.], rated at ten hides, to hold as freely as in the time of King Edward and his predecessors; with sac and soc, toll and team and *latrocinium*, and all customs pertaining to the Crown.

Witnesses: Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Robert Count of Mortain.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 193 (copy).]
Interesting as a proof that William fitz Osbern had jurisdiction in Hertfordshire. For this manor see *D. B.* i. 135, where it is entered as belonging to Westminster Abbey and rated at nine hides.

1070–1. **54.** *Precept (spurious) by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and to Odo, Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent, and all of Kent.

That Abbot Vitalis and the monks of Westminster are to have their manor of Leosne and the church in the said vill, as Edser and his brothers granted them for an estate of inheritance to the church of Westminster.

Witnesses: Peter Bp. of Chester; William fitz Osbern; Robert fitz Wimarc.

Seal: Originally red wax on a tag. Figured in Speed's *History*, p. 415, and in Sandford's *Genealogical History*, p. 1.

[Dean and Chapter, Westminster, Charter XXII (pretended original); Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 678.
Madox, *Formulare* (1702), p. 36 [ex autogr. in Archiv. S. Petri Westmon.]; *Monasticon*, i. 302.]
Some doubt exists as to the date when Peter received his see. But Vitalis commenced 1075 and William fitz Osbern died in 1071. This charter is a forgery.

55. Memorandum that the moiety of the chapel of the Holy Trinity of Rouen, with the land belonging to it, has been redeemed by payment of £6 to Erchembald, when setting forth oversea, and of £12 to Hugh of Ivri, *pincerna*, to whom Erchembald had mortgaged it: with the assent of William, King of the English and Duke of the Normans, and his nobles. [1068–71.]

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; William fitz Osbern; Emma his mother; Ansfrid, son of Athla; Bernard the forester. *Ex nostris*: Richard the seneschal; Bernard the cook; Turstin, son of Wigrin.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. xlvii (copy).
Deville, *Cart. de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 446; Round, *C. D. F.* 81 (calendared).]
In 1067 William fitz Osbern was in England. He died in 1071.

56. Confirmation by William I to St. Amand of Rouen. Dec. 25 1070–Mar. 1071.

Of all the property which the nuns have in Rouen, with the same customs as St. Ouen. And granting to them four bakers, free and quit of all service, and their multure and the multure of all the citizens belonging to St. Amand. Also their toll and *exitus* and one house in Burneng street (*in vico Burnengi*). And the tithes of the royal property in the forests of Aliermont and Alwit: of his revenues in Barfleur and St. Jacques; and of his mill-profits (*molationis*) in Rouen. Also a market in Sedan on the Sunday in each week.

Witnesses: Hugo *Pincerna*; William fitz Osbern; Stigand *Dapifer*; Ralph de Montpinçon. *Ex parte S. Amandi*: Robertus de Botes; Turstin, son of Wilgrin; Walcher.

[Copy in Pat. Roll Norm. 7 Hen. V, pt. ii, m. 20.
Monasticon, vii. 1101 (defective).]
The Cartulary gives the date (in the body of the charter) as the fifth year of William I. This began Dec. 25, 1070, and William fitz Osbern died on Feb. 22, 1071. The document may be a forgery compiled from Round, *C. D. F.* Nos. 91, 92, 94, and lost charters.

57. Notification by William I to Peter Bp. of Chester, Earl William fitz Osbern, and Hugh E. of Chester and his other earls, barons, sheriffs, &c. [? 1070–1.]

That he has granted to St. Mary of Coventry and Abbot Leofwin all the gifts of lands, &c., which Earl Leofric made for his soul's health, with sac and soc, toll and team, as freely as the Confessor granted it.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Robert Count of Mortain; Earl Roger of Montgomery; Henry of Ferrers.

Great Seal, slightly imperfect, reddish brown wax.

[Add. Charter 11205 (original). Transcript in Bodleian, Dugdale MS. 13, fo. 118, ib. 17, fo. 117.
Warner and Ellis, *Facsimiles*, i (1); *Monasticon*, iii. 192.]
On the date see Warner and Ellis, l. c.

58. Notification by William I to Baldwin the sheriff and all the King's barons and officials of Devon. [1070–1.] Winchester

That he has granted to the monks of Battle the church of St. Olave in Exeter with the land of Sherford [co. Devon] and Chenebrie and all other lands pertaining to the church; to be held free of all earthly service, pleas and plaints, shires and hundreds, and all geld, scot, aid, gift, danegeld, host

service, with sac and soc, toll and infangthief and all castle-work and bridge-work, as being the King's own alms.

Witnesses: Thomas Abp. of York; William fitz Osbert.

[Copies in P. R. O. Charter Roll, 11 Ed. III, No. 29; Pat. Roll, 18 Hen. VI, pt. iii, m. 13.

Monasticon, iii. 377; Oliver, *Monast. Exon.* p. 117, No. ii ('ex archivis civitatis Exoniae'—inspeximus of 20 Hen. VII).]

The church of St. Olave appears among the possessions of Battle in *D. B.* i, fo. 104; iv, fo. 178. For Sherford, ib. i. 100 *b*.

[1070–1.] Winchester. **59.** Notification by William to Baldwin the sheriff and his other justiciars of Devon.

That he has confirmed to the monks of Battle the church of St. Olave [at Exeter] with the land of Sherford [co. Devon] and all other appurtenances.

Witness: Thomas Abp. of York.

['Ex archivis civitatis Exoniae' (inspeximus 20 Hen. VII).

Oliver, *Monasticon Exon.* p. 117, No. ii.]

This apparently is a variant form of the preceding charter (No. 58), and is dated on that assumption.

[1070–1.] Windsor. **60.** Notification by William I to L[anfranc] Abp. of Canterbury and the King's barons throughout England.

That the King has granted and confirmed that the abbot of Battle come to court at Easter, Whitsuntide, and Christmas, and have the court livery for himself and two monks, viz. two simnel loaves of dewaine (*de dominico*) and other two simnel loaves *de communi*, and wine; and of fish, or whatever might be there, three dishes for himself and three for his monks; and two wax candles and ten candle ends.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; William fitz Osbert.

[Copies in P. R. O. Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 56; 4 Ric. II, No. 16; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 15; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5.

Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 196.]

[1070–1.] Windsor. **61.** Notification by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and all the King's lieges.

That the King has granted to St. Martin of Battle a full market every Sunday at Battle. Those who resort to the market are to answer to no one but the abbot and monks; the abbot and monks to no one but God.

Witnesses: L[anfranc] Abp. of Canterbury; William fitz Osb[ert].

[Copy in Battle Register, Hayley MS. Sussex A. 98.

Monasticon, iii. 245.]

Some phrases in this document suggest the forger's hand.

[1070–1.] **62.** *Charter (spurious) of foundation by William, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to St. Martin of Battle.

Relating how he had vowed to build a monastery when he was *in procinctu belli*, and has now accomplished his vow. The church of St. Martin of Battle is to have its court in all matters, and royal liberty and custom in settling its own affairs. It is to be as free from all subjection to bishops and other persons as Christ Church, Canterbury. Criminals are to have the right of sanctuary in the church. The Abbot may rescue a robber or thief from hanging wherever he chances upon him. The banlieue (*leuga*) of the church is to be free from all geld, scot, hidages, danegelds, bridge-work, castle-work, fencing of parks, host-service, &c., &c. It is to have the manor of Wye [co. Kent] with the like customs; and in Dengemaris, which is a member of Wye, it is to have all the customs of the sea as well. It is also to have the manors of Alsistona [co. Sussex], Limpsfield [co. Surrey], Hooe [co. Sussex], Crowmarsh [co. Oxford], Brightwalton [co. Berks.], with the aforesaid liberties and royal customs; also the churches of Reading, Cullompton [co. Devon], and St. Olave of Exeter, with the lands and tithes thereto pertaining.

Signa: King William; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Maurice Bp. of

London; Thomas Abp. of York; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Osbern Bp. of Exeter; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Hugh Earl of Chester; Roger Earl of Montgomery; William Earl Warenne; William fitz Osbern; William de Braiose; Bernard de Neufmarché.

Seal lost; but a part of the strip, to which it was attached, remains.

[Pretended original, B.M. Harl. ch. 83 A. 12. Copies in Cartae Antiquae (olim) G, No. 1; Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 56; 22 Ed. III, No. 32; 4 Ric. II, No. 16; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 15; Confirm. Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5.
Monasticon, iii. 244; *Foedera*, i. p. 4 (facsimile); Oliver, *Monasticon Exon.* p. 116.]

This charter stands condemned by the test of style. See *Complete Peerage*, vii. 322.

63. Precept by William I to Æthelwig Abbot of Evesham. [1072] Before Easter. Winchester.

To command all *qui sub ballia et justicia tua sunt* to have all the knights which they owe the King at Clarendon before the octave of Easter. The abbot also is to come on that day and bring with him the five knights whom he owes from his abbacy.

Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copy in Evesham Cartulary, MS. Cotton Vesp. B. XXIV. 18 [olim 15].
Round, *F. E.* p. 304.]

On the date of this writ, which appears to be issued in connexion with the Scottish expedition of 1072, see Round, *u. s.*

64. Accord between Abps. Lanfranc and Thomas regarding the primacy of the see of Canterbury. This compromise was discussed at Winchester during the Easter-feast and concluded at Windsor in Pentecost, in the presence of the following: 1072 May 27 Pentecost. Windsor.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; Hubert the Legate; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; William Bp. of London; Herman Bp. of Sherborne; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Walter Bp. of Hereford; Giso Bp. of Wells; Remigius Bp. of Dorchester; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Herfast Bp. of Elmham; Stigand Bp. of Chichester; Siward Bp. of Rochester; Osbert Bp. of Exeter; Odo Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Scotland Abbot of St. Augustine's; Ailwin Abbot of Ramsey; Elnoth Abbot of Glastonbury; Turstan Abbot of Ely; Wlnoth Abbot of Chertsey; Elwin Abbot of Evesham; Frederic Abbot of St. Alban's; Geoffrey Abbot of St. Peter's, Westminster; Baldwin Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds; Turold Abbot of Peterborough; Adelm Abbot of Abingdon; Ruald Abbot of Newminster.

[Fulman's *Scriptores Veteres* (Oxford, 1694), p. 92; in the pseudo-Ingulf. W. Malmesb. *Gesta Regum*, § 298; D'Achéry, *Opera Lanfranci* (1655), p. 12.]

65. Accord by the Abps. of Canterbury and York concerning the supremacy of the former see. 1072 May 27 Pentecost. Windsor.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; Hubert, *Lector* of the Holy Roman See and legate of Pope Alexander; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Thomas Abp. of York; Remigius Bp. of Dorchester; Herfast Bp. of Thetford; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester.

[Canterbury, Dean and Chapter, Chartae Antiquae, A. 2 (original); A. 1 (copy).
Hist. MSS. Comm., Fifth Report, Appendix, p. 452 (described).]

The text of this identical with the better known copy (*supra*, No. 64) which gives the signatures of fifteen bishops and twelve abbots. See the comments by Mr. Sheppard in *Hist. MSS. Comm. Report u. s.*

66. Notification to Abp. Lanfranc and Count Robert [of Mortain] and Earl Roger [of Montgomeri] of a grant by William I to St. Augustine's, Canterbury, and Abbot Scotland and the brothers of the place. [? 1072.] Rouen.

Restoring to them eight prebends in Newington and all the lands pertaining to them with all their customs, 'sicuti testimonium perhibunt comitatus Cantiae coram Lanfranco episcopo et Eudone meo dapifero et Willelmo de

Archis et Radulfo de Curba Spina caeterisque meis optimatibus illius comitatus.'

Witness: Go[sfrid] Bp. of Coutances.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Claud D. X, p. 247; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 87; St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 64 v°; P. R. O. Cart. S. Aug. Cant. fo. 150 v°; Charter Roll, 20 Ed. II, No. 6; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, m. 29; Charter Roll, 8 Hen. IV, No. 1; Pat. Roll, 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 5.

Hist. Mon. S. August. Cant. p. 349; *Monast.* i. 144; *D. K. R.* xxix. *App.* p. 32 (calendared).]

Scotland became abbot in 1070. The author of the *Historia* dates the charter 1072 in his chronological table. William was in Normandy early in that year (Orderic). As to these prebends *D. B.* is silent.

1073 March 30. Bonneville sur Touques [Calvados].

67. Confirmation by William I to Abbot Raynaud and the monks of St. Pierre de Solesmes.

Of their foundation-charter, at the entreaty of Abbot Raynaud. 'Anno ab incarnatione domini millesimo septuagesimo [tercio] III kal. aprilis petitione Raynaudi abbatis roborata est hec carta a Guillermo rege Anglorum apud Bonam Villam; qui Guillermus Cenomanensis civitatis tunc principatum tenebat.'

Signum: William K. of the English. Haec sunt nomina baronum qui cum eo erant: Geoffrey Liziardi filius; Walter the knight; Orricus the prévôt (*praepositus*); Ranulf, son of Hugo the *vicarius*; Herbert the knight, son of Guimbert; Solomon, son of Norman; Patrick.

[Vidimus of 1408.

Cartulaire de St. Pierre de Solesmes, pp. 11–12; Round, *C. D. F.* 1424 (calendared).]

1073 March 30. [Bonneville sur Touques.]

68. Confirmation by William I to Abbot Raynaud and the monks of St. Pierre de Solesmes.

Of the confirmation of the charter of foundation given them by Count Hugh.

Signa: William King of the English; Arnaud the Bishop [of Le Mans]; Hugo the Bishop [of Lisieux]; Raynaud the Abbot [of St. Pierre de Solesmes]; William the monk.

[Vidimus of 1408.

Cartulaire de St. Pierre de Solesmes, p. 13; Round, *C. D. F.* 1425.]

[1073.] Le Mans.

69. Notice of a confirmation by William I to the Abbey of Marmoutier.

Of a gift made by Néel, and confirmed by Néel, the son of Néel, of six churches in the isle called *Grenerodium* (Guernsey). The younger Néel did this at the prayer of Abbot Bartholomew, receiving from him the life-estate (*beneficio*) and a good carpet (*tapetio*). The king's confirmation was given at Le Mans where he was at that time staying on some business of his own ('pro quibusdam suis negotiis tractandis apud Cenomanensem urbem manebat').

Witnesses: King William; Roger de Beaumont; Henry his son; Ingelramn fitz Ilbert; Roger de Viriaco; Humphrey de Ostrehanno; William fitz Helgui; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Hugo de Gurniaco; Richard de Curci; Rolf fitz Herluin; William fitz Hasting; Roger, seneschal of the Bp. of Bayeux.

[Bibl. Nat. Collection de Baluze, vol. 77, fo. 43, v° (copy).

Delisle, *Histoire du Château et des Sires de Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte, Pièces Justificatives*, No. 33, p. 36; Round, *C. D. F.* 1174 (calendared).]

[c. 1073 March 30.] Bonneville sur Touques.

70. Confirmation by William I King of the English to the Abbey of St. Vincent, at Le Mans.

Of a gift.

Witnesses: Arnaud Bp. of Le Mans; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Osmund the Chancellor; Wandebert the clerk; Raynaud the Abbot [of St. Pierre de Solesmes], &c.

[Cartulary of St. Vincent le Mans (in the Public Library at Le Mans), A. p. 79 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1042 (calendared). *Cart. de St. Vincent* (ed. Charles and Menjot d'Elbenne).]

71. Notification that William de Braose gave to St. Nicholas of Bramber six hides of land and the whole tithe of his revenues and his demesnes in his possession (enumerated) when he crossed the sea and went to Maine in the army with William King of the English. Also he gave the pleas of courts-christian (*placita hominum de christianitate*) and the tithe of the toll at Steyning and Bramber castle. The gift was confirmed by his son Philip and by Stigand Bp. [of Chichester]. [1073.]

[Quasi-original in Archives of Maine-et-Loire; copy in Liber Albus of St. Florent (same archives), fo. 116 and fo. 130 v°.
Round, *C. D. F.* 1130 (calendared); *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, XL, p. 165.]

72. Confirmation by William Duke of the Normans to the Priory of Ste Barbe en Auge. [1067–73.] Troarn.

Confirming the foundation gift of Odo Stigand and committing the Priory to the care of Roger de Montgomeri.

Signa: William Duke of the Normans; John Abp. of Rouen; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Durand Abbot of Troarn; Ainard Abbot of St. Mary of Dive; Nicholas Abbot of St. Ouen; Roger de Montgomeri; Roger de Beaumont; William fitz Osbert of Breteuil.

[Original in Archives du Calvados.
Round, *C. D. F.* 567 (calendared); La Roque, *Maison d'Harcourt*, iv. 1326.]
The inferior limit of date is given by the appearance of Ainard, Abbot of Dive (†1073), unless the last witness be identical with William fitz Osbern Earl of Hereford (†1071). Mr. Round apparently rejects the identification.

73. Charter by William I to the Abbey of St. Wandrille. 1074 April–Sept. Lillebonne.

Confirming an agreement between the abbey, in the time of Abbot Girbert, and William Count of Evreux, respecting certain customs which the abbey claimed in the forests of Caudebec and Gotville. The parties being unable to agree were on the point of settling the dispute by trial of battle. But the Duke stepped in to prevent an ecclesiastical cause from being settled by the shedding of human blood, and made a concord with the counsel of his barons. The monks are to have their necessary timber, for fuel and building for themselves and for all their vills on the borders of the two forests. The foresters are to be asked to give this amount; if they will not, the monks may take it. A further agreement is made about the pasturing of swine. The Count is not to build on land essarted from the forest; all essarts are to go to the monks.

Signa: King William; William, the King's son; Goisfrid fitz Eudo; Roger de Beaumont; Robert, the King's son; William Count of Evreux; Roger de Montgomeri; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

['Rothomagi, apud D. de Bethencourt' (1663). Cartulary (in Archives of the Seine Inférieure) U. 1. 16 (copy).
Neustria Pia, p. 168; Round, *C. D. F.* 165 (calendared).]
Full dating clause: 'Actum feliciter castro Juliebone, anno ab incarnatione domini M°LXX°IIII°, indictione XII°, residente in sede Romana papa Gregorio anno ij°, qui erat gloriosi Anglorum [regis] Willelmi annus adepti regni viii°, Girberti abbatis in abbatia xij°'.

74. Confirmation by Count Robert, son of King William, of a gift to St. Vincent of Le Mans: in St. Michael's chapel near the church of St. Julian [Le Mans] on the eve of SS. Peter and Paul. [c. 1074] June 28. Le Mans.

Witnesses: Arnaud Bp. of Le Mans, Reginald Abbot [of St. Vincent]; Algar and Goscelin, monks of St. Vincent; Robert de Beaumont, William, son of Walter; Richard de Miriaco, &c.

[Cartulary of St. Vincent of Le Mans (Public Library, Le Mans), A. fo. 79 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1043 (calendared); *Cart. de St. Vincent* (ed. Charles and Menjot d'Elbenne).]

1074 Nov. 30. Rouen 'in aula Turris'.

75. Charter by Odo Bp. of Bayeux.

Notifying that he has bought the land of Cheruet-Villa, for St. Mary of Bayeux, from Herbert de Agnellis with the assent of his lord Ralf de Conches and the consent of the King of the English.

Signa: William the King; Matilda the Queen; John the Archbishop; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Roger de Beaumont; Roger de Montgomeri; Robert the Count, son of King William; William his brother; Robert Count of Mortain; Robert Count of Eu; Richard Goz; William Caritate; Fulcher Budel; Ralph de Oilli; Eudo Haldub; Radulf Suhard; Alvered Malbecling (*rectius* Malbeding); Ranulf de Lingart; Herbert de Agnellis; Corbin his son.

[Copy in Bayeux, Cathedral Library, Livre Noir, No. 2.
Bourrienne Antiq. Cart. Eccl. Baioc. i. 3; Round, *C. D. F.* 1432 (calendared).]

'Apud Rothomagum in aula Turris, prima dominica die adventus Domini in festivitate Sancti Andree, luna vij, M°LXX°IIII° anno ab incarnatione Domini, Indictionis XII. epactis existentibus I, concurrentibus II, regnante Guillelmo rege Anglorum et Philippo rege Francorum, &c.'

[1074.]

76. Grant by William I, 'rex Anglorum et Normannorum dominus,' to the church of Bayeux.

Of the lands (Plessis Grimoud, &c.) and goods of Grimold of Bayeux, which he has forfeited 'pro reatu infidelitatis suae et crimine insidiarum suarum quibus adversus me perjuraverat'. The King makes this grant for the love of his brother Odo of Bayeux.

Witnesses: William King of the English; Matilda the Queen; Robert Count of Maine; William, son of the King; John the Abp. [of Rouen]; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Gilbert Bp. of Évreux; Roger de Beaumont; Robert Count of Mortain; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Richard the Vicomte; Nicholas Abbot of St. Ouen; Gerbert Abbot of St. Wandrille; Durand Abbot of Troarn; Vitalis Abbot of [Ste Marie de] Bernai; Robert de Beaumont; Osmund the King's Chaplain; Osbern Gifard; Richard de Courcy; Reginald de Nonant; Ralph de Montpinchon; Robert fitz Haimon; Baldwin, son of Count Gilbert; William Paganel; Gervase de Damfront; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in Livre noir de Bayeux; Livre Blanc de St. Florent (Archives of Maine-et-Loire), fo. 95 v°.
Gallia Christiana, xi, Instrumenta, col. 65; *Mém. de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie*, xxx. (1860), p. 700; D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 436 (calendared); Bourrienne, *Antiq. Cart. Eccl. Baioc.* i. 4.]

1074. Rouen.

77. Notification by John Abp. of Rouen.

'Notum sit omnibus modernis et futuris quod petitio Rogerii de Mortuomari et uxoris eius Advisae ad nos venit, ad dominum Guillelmum regem Anglorum et ad me, sedentes et tractantes de negotiis ecclesiasticis et secularibus cum episcopis in quodam concilio congregato in urbe Rotomagensi, &c.' The document goes on to describe how the priory of Saint Victor en Caux was made into an abbey. The arrangement confirmed by the Archbishop in the presence of Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Robert Bp. of Séez; Fulbert the Archdeacon; Roger de Mortemer.

[*Gallia Christiana*, xi, Instrumenta, col. 16.]

'Praefatus autem rex Anglorum Guillelmus prohibuit sub forisfactura xx unciarum auri reddendarum duci Normanniae et xx librarum Rotomagensi archiepiscopo ne ab aliquo infringatur . . . Hoc factum fuit anno ab Incarnatione Domini MLXXIV.'

[1075.]

78. Letter by Abp. Lanfranc [as Justiciar of England] to R[oger] Earl [of Hereford].

The King salutes Roger and his other lieges, and commands that the greatest care be taken of the royal castles. The writer urges the Earl to imitate the

loyalty of his father, Earl William. The King has ordered his sheriffs to hold no pleas in Roger's lands, until he return from overseas; he will then in his own person hear the disputes between Roger and the sheriffs. Lanfranc invites Roger to meet him and discuss the affairs of the King and of Roger himself. He begs Roger to do justice to Berenger, the bearer of this letter, against the men who stole his horse.

[Cotton Nero A. VII, fo. 25 (copy).
Ellis, *Original Letters*, Series III, vol. i (1846), p. 4; *Opera Lanfranci* (1655), p. 320, Ep. xxxix.]

79. Letter by Lanfranc [as Justiciar of England] to Roger Earl [of Hereford]. [1075.]
He has heard news which grieves him unspeakably. It is not fitting that the son of Earl William should be called a traitor. He begs Roger to repent, if the news about him be true; or to clear himself by convincing proofs, if it be untrue; and in any case begs Roger to come to him, assuring him of a safe conduct.

[*Opera Lanfranci*, p. 320, Ep. xl.]

80. Letter by Abp. Lanfranc [as Justiciar of England] to Earl Roger [of Hereford], formerly his beloved son and friend. [1075.]
Since, by the counsel of evil men, Roger has undertaken unlawful designs, the Archbishop renounces his friendship. Roger has disregarded the two previous letters of the Archbishop. Lanfranc therefore excommunicates him and his abettors. From this sentence he will not be absolved until he asks the King's mercy, and gives satisfaction to the King and others whose property he has plundered. Roger has offered to come to the Archbishop, but the latter is afraid of incurring the King's wrath if he accepts this proposal. But he will announce to the King, by messenger and by letter, the Earl's penitence, and will give the Earl what help he can, saving his allegiance.

[*Opera Lanfranci*, p. 321, Ep. xli.]

81. Letter by Lanfranc [as Justiciar of England] to William I. [1075.]
Dissuading the King from returning, because it would be a disgrace to the writer if he could not deal with these traitors and robbers without the King's aid. Earl Ralph [of Norfolk] and his whole army have turned to flight, and are being pursued. The loyal barons (*principes nostri*) are in pursuit and will capture them, unless they escape by sea. Other news will be given by the monk who bears these letters.

[*Lanfranci Opera*, p. 317, Ep. xxxiv.]
Written before the fall of Norwich Castle.

82. Letter by Lanfranc [as Justiciar of England] to William I. [1075.]
Announcing the surrender of Norwich Castle and the terms arranged with the defenders. The castle is occupied by Bp. Geoffrey [of Coutances], William de Warenne, and Robert Malet. They have with them 300 men at arms with *ballistarii* and many engineers (*artifices machinarum*).

[*Lanfranci Opera*, p. 318, Ep. xxxv.]

83. Letter by Lanfranc [as Justiciar of England] to Walcher, Bp. [of Durham]. [1075 Autumn.]
He rejoices to learn from Walcher's letter that Walcher's jurisdiction is at peace. Since the expulsion of the Bretons there is such tranquillity [in the south] such as the writer cannot remember since the King crossed the sea. The affairs of the King are in a prosperous state, and he is expected shortly. The King has sent word that the Danes are actually coming. Walcher is therefore to furnish his castle with men and arms and provisions. The writer prays that God may defend Walcher from every ill.

[Cotton Nero A. VII, fo. 27 (copy).
Ellis, *Original Letters*, Series III, vol. i (1846), p. 11 ; *Lanfranci Opera*, p. 314. Ep. xxv.]
This letter was written after the capture of Norwich Castle in 1075, and before the Christmas feast of that year, for which the King returned to England.

[1066–75.] **84.** Notification by William I to William the Bishop and Swegn the sheriff and all the King's thanes of Essex.

IN ENGLISH

That he has given to his man Deorman the hide of land at Gyddesdune [co. Essex] whereof he was deprived.

Seal of white wax in silken bag, according to Noorthouck ; but is now missing.

[Town Clerk's Office, Guildhall, London (original). Copies in MS. Harl. 2058, fo. 4 ; Charter Rolls, 1 Hen. IV, pt. 3, No. 8 ; 2 Hen. V, pt. 2, No. 11 ; Confirmation Rolls, 1 Ric. III, pt. 3, No. 3 ; 20 Hen. VII, No. 1 ; 2 Ed. VI, pt. 3, No. 2 ; 4 Eliz. pt. 2, No. 4.]
Facs. Nat. MSS. i. No. 2 ; *Charters of City of London* (1745), p. 2 ; Maitland's *History of London* (1756), p. 38 ; Noorthouck's *New History of London*, p. 773 ; Luffman's *Charters of London* (1793), p. 4.]
In 1086 this land was held by Westminster Abbey (*D. B.* ii. 15). In *Monasticon*, i. 310, there is a letter of sanctuary granted by Abbot Gilbert (1085–1117) on behalf of one Deorman. This is addressed to Wimund, sheriff of Surrey, but may refer to Deorman of Essex. A grant by the three daughters of Deorman to Westminster Abbey is mentioned in a charter of Henry I (Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 149).

[1066–75.] **85.** Notification by William I to William Bp. [of London] and Swegn the sheriff [of Essex] and his beloved subjects (*dilectis*) of London, French and Saxon.

That he has granted to those who live therein ('vobis intrinsecis hominibus meis') the hide and the land on which they dwell ('hidam et terram meam quam superhabitatis ibidem'). No one, English or French, is to molest them.

[Guildhall, London, *Liber Ordinacionum*, fo. 246 *b* (copy of early 14th cent.).]
Apparently an unintelligent translation of an O. E. original. This abstract was communicated by the late Miss Mary Bateson.

[1066–75.] **86.** Notification by William I to W[illiam] Bp. [of London] and S[wegn] sheriff [of Essex].

That he has given and granted to St. Peter of Westminster the land of Wokindon and Fering, with all that pertained thereto on the day when King Edward was alive and dead, to hold as freely as Earl Harold held it at that time.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 244 (copy).]
This closely resembles the English writ of the same tenor (No. 87) addressed to the same persons, but is not a translation of it. The reference to Harold is peculiar to the Latin text ; the reference to Windsor only occurs in the English text.

[1066–75.] **87.** Notification (in English language) by William I to W[illiam] Bp. [of London] and S[wegn] the sheriff, and all his thanes of Essex.

That the two estates of Fering and Wokindon, which he has given to Westminster, in exchange for Windsor, are to belong to the abbey with sac and soc, and all customs with which the King held them ; and Swegn is to see that the abbey has possession.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 244 ; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 113. *Monasticon*, i. 301, No. xxxvii.]
Wokindon and Fering appear as Essex estates of Westminster in *D. B.* (ii. 14 *b*, 15). But a part of Fering appears in *D. B.* as one of the usurpations of Hugo de Montfort. 'Unus ex his tribus (hominibus) iacet ad feudum Sancti Petri de Westmonasterio ad Feringas et hoc est testimonio hundreti ; sed fuit liberatus Hugoni in numero suorum maneriorum ut dicunt sui homines' (ii. 100). Both Fering and Wokindon had belonged to Harold.

[1070–75 ? 1073.] **88.** *Charter (spurious or inflated) by William I to St. Augustine's.

Restoring the estate (*terra*) of Plumsted, which Earl Godwin took from the monks and gave to his son Tostig, but which King Edward restored.

Signa: Odo Bp. of Bayeux ; William Bp. of London ; Walter Giffard ; Abbot Scotland [of St. Augustine's] ; Richard fitz Gilbert ; Baldwin Flamenc ;

Michael Bp. [of Avranches]; Osbert the Chancellor; William de Warenne; Roger the Butler (*Pincerna*); Ralph Bainard; Swein, son of Robert; Hugo de Port; Geoffrey de Mandeville; William Caritet; Hubert de Port; Haimo the Dapifer; Ælnod of London.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 64 v°; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 93; Cotton MS. Julius D. X, fo. 224; Charter Roll, 20 Ed. II, No. 6; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, m. 29; Charter Roll, 8 Hen. IV, No. 1; Pat. Roll, 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 5. *Hist. Mon. S. August. Cant.* p. 350; *Monasticon*, i. 144; *D. K. R.* xxix, App. p. 32 (calendared).]

Only the first two witnesses appear in the enrolments. 1073 is the date given by the author of the Cartulary in his chronological summary. Plumsted is entered among the lands of the abbey in *D. B.* i. fo. 12; but the misdeed of Godwin is not mentioned.

89. *Notification (spurious) by William I to William Bp. of London and Geoffrey de Mandeville and the sheriff and all of Middlesex. [1071–75] Dec. 25. Westminster.

That St. Peter and the monks of Westminster are to have, for supplement to their diet (*ad subsidium victuale*) the land called Chelsea (*Cealchithe*), with the appurtenances, and with sac and soc, toll and team, *latrocinium* and ut-leap (*emissio*) and all other customs with which Turstan, the huscarl of King Edward, held from the same king in alod (*allodium*) and gave it to the church, and as King Edward confirmed the gift by his charters. The King forbids, on pain of £10 forfeiture, that any one shall take from the church a single acre in wood or field, or do to it any injustice or wrong, or meddle with the land in any way.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham;[1] Count Robert [? the King's son]; Count Robert [of Mortain]; Count Alan; Haimo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigod; Ivo Taillebois; Robert de Oilli; and many others.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 117 v° (copy).]

Chelsea does not appear in Domesday Book among the Middlesex manors of Westminster Abbey. Cercehede or Celched is entered as belonging to Edward of Salisbury (i. 130 *b*). Chelsea had become the property of Westminster by the time of Abbot Gervase (*c.* 1137—*c.* 1157), who gave a fraudulent lease of Chelsea to his mother (Armitage Robinson, *Flete's History*, p. 89).

[1] Bp. William of Durham was nominated in 1080; but Bp. William of London died in 1075. It may be that the original read 'W[alcher] episcopus Dunelm.' The above date is assigned on this supposition.

90. Charter (spurious?) by William I to Westminster Abbey. 1076 Dec. 29. Westminster.

Confirming the privileges granted by previous kings.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; Robert, the King's son; William, the King's son; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Hugo Bp. of London; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Stigand Bp. of Chichester; Osbert Bp. of Exeter; Robert Bp. of Hereford; Arfast Bp. of Thetford; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Giso Bp. of Wells; Peter Bp. of Chester; Walcher Bp. of Durham; Maurice, the King's Chancellor; Scotland Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury; Ruold Abbot of St. Peter's, Winchester; Wulfwold Abbot [of Chertsey]; Alfnoth Abbot; Baldwin Abbot [of St. Edmunds]; Simeon Abbot; Ælsi Abbot; Serlo Abbot; Athelelm Abbot; Turold Abbot [of Peterborough]; Bernard the Chaplain; Raynald the Chaplain; Robert the Chaplain; Earl Roger; Earl Hugh; Count Alan; Count Aubrey; Earl Robert; Hugh de Montfort; Robert de Beaumont; Richard son of Count Gilbert; Baldwin his son; Henry de Ferrers; Hugh de Grantemesnil; Walter Giffard; Robert de Oilli; Haimo, *Dapifer*.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 55 (copy).]

'Anno dominice incarnacionis millesimo septuagesimo septimo, regnante gloriosissimo rege Willelmo ipsius regni anno decimo, quarto kal. Januarii huius doni largitori et

regie concessionis hoc privilegium incommutabile, scriptum corroboratum et confirmatum est.' Called in the 'Domesday', *Tertia carta regis Willelmi primi.*

Robert Bp. of Hereford was appointed in 1079; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury in 1078. The tenth year of William I would end on Dec. 25, or Dec. 31, 1076. The dating clause must therefore be rejected. The list of witnesses is consistent with the date 1078–83; but the language and tenor of the charter alike suggest a forgery.

[1076.] **91.** Letter by William I to John Abbot [of Fécamp].

The King has long considered to whom he should commit the Abbey of St. Peter's, Westminster, in which are buried King Edward of blessed memory and Queen Edith of famous memory; in which also he himself received the sceptre and crown of all England. By the advice of Abp. Lanfranc and his barons, he has at length compelled Abbot Vitalis, though unwilling, to accept this office; since he has much raised the state of the Abbey of Bernay. He begs his correspondent to approve this choice, and also that of Osbern, brother of Vitalis, to succeed to the Abbey of Bernay.

[Mabillon, *Vet. Analect.* i. 219; Widmore, *Hist. of St. Peter's, Westminster* (1751), p. 181; Ackermann's *Hist. of Church of Westminster*, i. 293.]

Bernay was a cell of the Abbey of Fécamp.

On the date of the appointment of Vitalis to Westminster, see Armitage Robinson, *Flete's History*, p. 141.

[c. 1076.] **92.** Notice of a judgement given in the *Curia* of William I, sitting under the presidency of Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances, before Ranulf the Vicomte, Néel fitz Néel, Robert de Vipont, and other judges, between Ranulf Abbot of Mont Saint Michel and John fitz Richard.

Concerning a mill which was adjudged to belong to the Abbey of Mont Saint Michel. King William approved the judgement, and ordered it to be recorded.

[Cartulaire du Mont-Saint-Michel, Public Library, Avranches MS. 210, fo. 27 v° (copy).
Delisle, *Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte, Pièces Just.*, No. 36, p. 40; Léchaudé d'Anisy, *Grands Rôles*, p. 196; Round 712.]

Date given by Delisle, l. c.

[1068–1076.] **92a.** Confirmation by William, Duke of the Normans and King of the English, to the Holy Trinity of Montivilliers.

Of the grants of his father, Duke Robert, and other benefactors, and of the purchases made by the abbesses.

Witnesses: Robert and William, the King's sons; John Abp. of Rouen; Roger de Beaumont; Michael Bp. [of Avranches]; Vitalis Abbot of Bernai; John; Fulco de Alnou; Roger and Robert the *vicomtes*.

['From the charters of the Holy Trinity of Montivilliers'.
La Roque, *Maison d'Harcourt*, iv. 1328.]

Vitalis of Bernai became abbot of Westminster in 1076 [Armitage Robinson, *Flete's History*, 141].

[1070–6. ? April 1072.] **93.** Notification by William I to Ralph Bainard [sheriff of Essex], Geoffrey de Mandeville [sheriff of Middlesex], and Peter de Valoines [sheriff of Hertford], and all of Essex, Hertfordshire, and Middlesex.

That the King has decided, by the counsel of his archbishops and bishops and abbots and all the great men of the kingdom, to emend the episcopal laws. Episcopal courts are henceforth to be separated from the hundred court and are to give judgement according to the canons. No sheriff or other layman is to interfere with these courts. No layman is to bring another to the ordeal without the sentence of the bishop. The ordeal is only to be administered in a bishop's cathedral city (*episcopali sede*) or in a place appointed by the bishop for that purpose.

[Liber Pilosus, St. Paul's Cathedral, fo. 1 (copy).
Liebermann, *Gesetze der A.-S.* i. 485; Thorpe, *Ancient Laws and Institutes*, p. 213; Stubbs,

Select Charters, p. 85; Schmid, *Gesetze der A.-S.* (1858), p. 357; *Registrum Palatinum Dunelmense*, iii. 82 (from another copy).]

The copyist of the Liber Pilosus notes that the original contained a literal translation in English. The dates given above are those of Liebermann.

94. Notification by William I to earls, sheriffs, and all who have lands in the diocese of Remigius [Bp. of Lincoln]. [1070–6. ? April 1072.]

Concerning the reformation of the episcopal law, the separation of episcopal courts, the regulation of the ordeal (as in the preceding writ).

[Lincoln Cathedral, Registrum Antiquissimum, fo. 9 (copy); other copies in Charter Roll, 3 Ed. III, No. 51; 2 Rich. II, No. 5; Pal. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, pt. 4, m. 14; Confirm. Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 2.
Liebermann, *Gesetze der A.-S.* i. 485; *Foedera*, i. 3; Schmid, *Gesetze der A.-S.* (1858), p. 357.]

95. *Charter (spurious or inflated) by William I to the Abbey of Ramsey. 1077

Confirming all grants by former kings—the vill of Ramsey, &c., and granting privileges and exemptions. Dec. 29.

Witnesses: King William; Abp. Lanfranc; Thomas Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Hugh Bp. of London; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Abbot Vitalis [of Westminster]; Abbot Scotland [of St. Augustine's]; Abbot Baldwin [of Bury St. Edmunds]; Abbot Symeon; Abbot Ailsin (who asked this grant of the King); Abbot Serlo [of Gloucester]; Maurice the Chancellor; Earl Roger; Earl Hugh; Count Robert; Count Alan; Earl Alberic; Hugh de Montfort; Henry de Ferrars; Walter Gifard; Robert d'Oilli; Hamo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in P. R. O. Ramsey Cart. fo. cxliii; Cotton MS. Vesp. E. II, fo. 9; Charter Rolls, 37 Hen. III, m. 17; 19 Ed. I, No. 48; 8 Ed. III, No. 29; 2 Hen. V, pt. 2, m. 14; Confirmation Rolls, 2 Hen. V, pt. 2, m. 14; 3 Hen. VII, pt. 5, No. 2; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 4.
Hist. MSS. Commission. Third Report, Appendix, p. 250; *Ramsey Cartulary*, ii. 91.]

Contains a dating clause: 'Anno regni mei decimo Incarnationis vero Dominice millesimo sexagesimo septimo decimo, quarto kalendas Januarii.' The tenth year of William I was 1076. Maurice became Chancellor in 1078.

96. Confirmation by William King of the English and Prince of the Normans to the Abbey of St. Stephen of Caen. 1077.

Of the gift which Roger de Montgomeri gave them at the dedication of St. Stephen's.

Witnesses: Abp. Lanfranc of Canterbury; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; and many others who were at the dedication.

Signa: William King of the English; Queen Matilda; Count Robert; Count William; Count Alan; Roger Earl of Montgomeri; Hugo Earl [of Chester]; [Robert] Count of Eu; Henry de Beaumont.

[Original formerly in the Archives of the Orne.
Round, *C. D. F.* 449 (calendared).]

97. Notification by William I to L[anfranc] Abp. [of Canterbury] and Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances. [1077.]

That he has granted to St. Martin of Troarn all the land that Mabel the Countess [of Shrewsbury] held of him in England, to be enjoyed free of all services and dues, for the soul of Mabel, as he held it himself on the day when he gave it. They are to give St. Martin livery of all that land.

[Roll in Archives du Calvados (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 464 (calendared); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 234 (calendared).]

The transcript used by Mr. Round has the erroneous reading 'J.'. The right reading is given by Prof. Haskins in *American Hist. Review*, xiv. 475.

For the English lands of Troarn see *D. B.* i. 166*b* (Horsley, co. Glos. held *dono regis Willelmi*).

The date of the murder of Countess Mabel is usually given as 1082. But the evidence of Orderic Vitalis points to another conclusion. He dates the burial of the

Countess (at the abbey of Troarn) as occurring on Dec. 5 (ii. 411). In a later passage (ii. 432) he says that it occurred during a visit paid by William Pantulf to Robert Guiscard. This visit occurred in 1077–8. To one or other of these years, probably to 1077, we should refer the murder of the countess.

[1077.] Bayeux. 'In dedicatione Baiocensi.'

98. Mandate by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances and Robert Count of Eu and Hugo de Montfort, and his nobles of England.

To see that St. Augustine's and Abbot Scotland are reseised of the borough of Fordwich, which Haimo the sheriff holds, and of all the other lands which Abbot Alsin (*fugitivus meus*) gave or allowed to be taken, from fear or folly (*mentis levitate*), or covetousness.

Witness: Odo Bp. of Bayeux.

[Copies in Cartulary of St. Augustine's, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 65; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 190; Cotton MS. Claud. D. X, fo. 177.

Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant. p. 352; Somner's *Treatise of Gavelkind* (1726), p. 190; *Monasticon*, i. 142.]

The date of the consecration of Bayeux in Orderic, ii. 305, 431. The author of the *Historia* dates this precept 1076 in his chronological summary.

[1077.]

99. Notification by Odo Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent, to Abp. Lanfranc and Haimo the sheriff and the rest of the King's lieges.

That he gives all his houses and customs in Fordwich to St. Augustine's, Canterbury, for his own soul and for that of King William.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Claud. D. X, fo. 177; St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 65.

Hist. S. Augustini, p. 351; *Monasticon*, i. 142.]

This grant and the confirmation by William I are noted in *Domesday Book*, i, fo. 12: 'Ipse abbas tenet unum parvum burgum quod vocatur Forewic. Huius burgi duas partes dedit rex E. sancto Augustino. Tertiam vero partem quae fuerat Goduuini comitis episcopus Baiocensis concessit eidem sancto annuente rege W.'

[1077.]

100. Notification by William I to Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury, and Haimo the sheriff, and R[ichard], son of Count G[ilbert] and H. the sheriff and all the thanes of Kent, French and English.

That his brother, [Odo] Bp. of Bayeux, has given to St. Augustine's for the love of God and the salvation of himself and the King, whatever he has at Fordwich, in lands, meadows, houses, customs, &c.; and for this gift he has the King's licence.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 65; Cotton MSS. Julius D. II, fo. 192; Claud. D. X, 177.

Hist. S. Augustini, p. 352; *Monasticon*, i. 142.]

This is dated 1077 by the author of the *Historia*. See the notes to Odo's grant *supra*.

[1077 ?]

101. Notification by Odo Bp. of Bayeux to Lanfranc the Archbishop and Haimo the sheriff [of Kent].

'Sciatis omnes quod ego Odo Baiocensis Episcopus et Cancie Comes, omnes domos quas in villa de Sandwich habeo et omnes consuetudines mei juris ad ipsam villam pertinentes pro anima mea et pro anima domini mei Willelmi regis Anglorum ecclesie Xri. Cantuar. in perpetuum possidendas concedo.'

[*Hist. MSS. Comm. Fifth Report*, Appendix, p. 457.]

Cf. *D. B.* i, fo. 5 *a*, 'Sandwic . . . pertinet ad dominium monachorum'; and fo. 3 *a*, 'Hoc burgum tenet archiepiscopus et est de vestitu monachorum.' Odo's holding appears to be that mentioned in *D. B.* i, fo. 11 *a* (Gollesberge, manor of), 'In Sanduuic habet Archiepiscopus XXXII masuras ad hoc manerium pertinentes'; this being one of Odo's manors.

[? 1077.]

102. Notification by William I to L[anfranc] Abp. and H[ugo] de Montfort and Richard, son of Count Gilbert, and Haimo, *Dapifer*, and all the thanes of Kent, French and English.

That the Bp. [Odo] of Bayeux, the King's brother, for his own and the King's salvation, has given all his houses and customs in Sandwich to the Holy Trinity, Canterbury, with the King's licence.

[Copies in Pat. Roll, 12 Hen. VI, pt. ii, m. 9; Confirm. Rolls, 4 Hen. VII, pt. i, No. 4; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 3, No. 6.
Cal. Pat. Rolls, 12 Hen. VI, p. 416.]
See the notes to Odo's grant *supra*.

103. Charter by William I, King of the English, Prince of the Normans and of the men of Maine, to the Abbey of St. Stephen at Caen. [c. 1077.]

Giving the monks a cellar at Rouen on the Seine that they may store there their wine, &c. Also granting the land that Hugh Rosel held of him at Grainville and gave when he became a monk.

Signa: William King of the English, Count of the Normans; Matilda the Queen; Richard de Curci; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Fulco de Alnou.

[Original in Archives du Calvados.
Round, *C. D. F.* 450 (calendared); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, i. 269.]

104. Notification by William I to Bp. Wulfstan of Worcester and R. the sheriff [of Warwick]. [1066–77.]

That Abbot Æthelwig [Adelwinus] is to have the lands of the church of Evesham in Warwickshire under the King's good peace and protection, with great honour: namely Salford, Edricestun, Milecotan, Ragley, Arwa, Eccleshal, Bildeburgwth, Grafton, Withlavesford, Dorseton. R. the sheriff is not to permit that any one do wrong to the abbot in any matter. The abbot is to hold with sac and soc, and all his customs. If any one commits injustice against him, let him appeal to the King in person, and the King will do him full right.

[B. M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV, fo. 29 v° (copy).
Monasticon, ii. 17, No. vii.]
In *D. B.* one Edricestun is held by Odo of Bayeux (i. 238 *b*), the other by Robert of Stafford (i. 242 *b*); Arwa or Arve by Bp. Odo (ib. 238 *b* 2); Dorseton by Stephen (ib. 243 *b* 2); and the estates in Warwickshire entered under the name of Evesham only include two of the places named in this writ.

105. Grant by William I, 'Anglorum rex, Normannorum et Cenomannorum princeps,' to St. Stephen of Caen. [1071–7.]

Of an endowment of various lands, and of the gifts made by various donors, in Normandy and England. The English lands mentioned are Northam (co. Devon); Frampton and Bincombe (co. Dorset); Creech (co. Somerset); Cosham (co. Wilts.); Welles (co. Norfolk), the gift of William de Escoeis; Paunfeld (co. Essex); and land near St. Paul's, London, formerly belonging to Leuzech, which was given by Waleran, son of Ranulf.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; John Abp. [of Rouen]; Count Robert, the King's son; Count William, the King's son; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Hugo Bp. of Lisieux; Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Robert Bp. of Séez; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Robert Count of Mortain; Roger Earl of Montgomeri; Roger de Beaumont; Robert Count of Meulan; Henry de Beaumont; Hugo de Gornai; Walter Gifard; Richard Vicomte of the Avranchin; Earl Hugh; William Count of Evreux; William de Breteuil; Robert Count of Eu; Robert de Bellême; Hugo de Montfort; Hugo de Grentemesnil; Néel of the Cotentin; William Bp. of Durham; Richard de Courci; William Crispin; Ingilrann fitz Hubert; Count Alan; William de Warenne; Henry de Ferrers.

[Supposed original in Archives du Calvados.
Gallia Christiana, xi, Instrumenta, col. 66; D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, i. 269 (abstract); *Monasticon*, vii, 1070 (ex vetusto exemplari in Bibl. Cottoniana); *Neustria Pia*, p. 626; D'Achery, *Lanfranci Opera* (1648), p. 20; Deville, *Notices*, iv. 6 (abstract); Delisle, *St Sauveur le Vicomte*, Preuves, No. 37, p. 41; Delisle, *Cartulaire Normand*, No. 826 (from a vidimus of 1273).]
William of St Calais did not become Bp. of Durham till 1081. But perhaps the scribe here adds his title by an anachronism. Hugo Bp. of Lisieux *d.* 1077.
For Northam see *D. B.* i. 104. It was the gift of Queen Matilda (*D. B.* iv. 176). For

Frampton and Bincombe see *D. B.* i. 78 *b*; for Creech see *D. B.* i. 91; for Cosham see *D. B.* i. 65; for Welles see *D. B.* ii. 221; for Paunfeld see *D. B.* ii. 22.
The lands which St. Stephen held in chief in England do not appear to have been augmented between the date of this charter and 1086.

[1072–7.] Winchester.

106. Notification by William to L[anfranc] the Abp. and O[do] of Bayeux and W[ulfstan] Bp. of Worcester and Ur[se] the sheriff, and all his barons and lieges.

That the King has given to Abbot Æthelwig his abbey of Evesham and whatever pertains to it, that he and all his successors may have it with great honour and peace, with the lands and tenants to hold with such customs in borough and out of borough as ever any of his predecessors or himself had in the time of King Edward or previously. Among the rights confirmed are mentioned the hundred of Fisbeorga 'cum omnibus que ad hundredum pertinent in legitima et libera potestate sua, videlicet quod nullus vicecomes vel eorum ministri inde se quicquam intromittant vel placitent vel aliquid exigant'; the 'port' and market which Edward granted to Abbot Mannius to have in Evesham; 'et habeat ipsa ecclesia in perpetuum omnes consuetudines ad opus suum quas ego habeo in omnibus portis et burgis meis.'

Witnesses: Bishop Geoffrey; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copy in Evesham Cartulary, MS. Coll. Vespasian, B. XXIV. 18 [olim 15].
Urse succeeded Kineward as sheriff, and Kineward was in office at least as late as 1072 (Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, p. 441). Abbot Æthelwig *d.* 1077.]

[1078.] Vallium, the castle of.

107. Memorandum of a confirmation by William I, made at the time that William King of the English made a truce with Fulk Count of Anjou, at the Castle of Vallium, between Hugh Viator and the Abbey of St. Vincent le Mans, respecting houses and a vineyard between St. Vincent's and the tower. The King invested the Abbot, William [of St. Calais], with the reversion of this property by handing him a staff.

Witnesses: Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Earl Roger; William de Oilli; Hoel the Dean; Augerius the monk.

[Cartulary of St. Vincent [in the Public Library, Le Mans], A, fo. 50 (copy). Round, *C. D. F.* 1044 (calendared); *Cart. de St. Vincent* i, No. 99.]
The truce in question is that of Blanchelande (Orderic II. 258).

[1066–78.]

108. Notification (Latin and English) by William I to Bp. Herman and Brihtwi and Scewine and all his thanes of Dorset.

That the abbot and brethren of Abbotsbury have all their rights as given by Orc in King Edward's day, with sac and soc and toll and team and infangthief.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 8 Ed. II, No. 5; Confirmation Roll, 6–10 Hen. VII, No. 1. *D. K. R.* xxix, App. p. 38 (calendared); *Monasticon*, iii. 56, No. vi.]

[1066–78.]

109. Notification (Latin and English) by William I to Herman the Bishop and H[ugh], son of Grip, and all the king's thanes of Dorset.

That he has granted to the Abbey of Abbotsbury its land, as in the time of King Edward, with sac and soc, toll and team, and infangthief and whatever is cast up by the sea.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 54 Hen. III, m. 14; 8 Ed. II, No. 5. *Cal. Charter Rolls*, ii. 131.]

[1066–78.]

110. Confirmation by William I to the Abbey of St. Wandrille.

Of four churches in England, for the love of Gontard his chaplain who has become a monk there, to be held as freely as the predecessor of Gontard held them in the time of King Edward; viz. Mincherte (*sic*) and Bridetune in Dorset; Sherston (*Scorestam*) in Wilts.; Towcester in Northamptonshire.

['Placita de Banco de term. Mich. 34 Ed. I'; transcript in Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 152, fo. 101.
Monasticon, vii. 1108.]

Gontard became Abbot of Jumièges in 1078 (Orderic Vitalis, ii. 244, and Prévost's note). In the Domesday of Dorset (i. 78 *b*) it is stated: 'Ecclesia Sancti Wandregisili tenet ecclesiam de Bridetone et de Brideporte et de Witcerce.' The text of Dodsworth's transcript is evidently at fault; for Mincherte we must read Whitchurch. For Sherston see *D. B.* i. 65 *b*: 'Sanctus Wandregisibus tenet ecclesiam de Sorstain.'

111. Notification (bilingual) by William I, addressed generally. [1072–8.]

That he has confirmed the liberties enjoyed by the lands of St. Paul's, London; viz. sac and soc, toll and team and infangenetheof and grith-briche, 'et ealle freoshipes by strande and by lande on tyde and of tyde and all the righte that in to tham cristendom byrath on mord sprake and on unright hamed and on unright workes ofer al the biscopriche on mine lande and on elche othre mannes lande. Quia volo,' &c.

Witnesses: Osmund the Chancellor; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Count Alan; Geoffrey de Mandeville; Ranulf Peverel.

[Cartae Antiquae (olim) A. 3; BB. 9; CC. 14; Confirmation Rolls, 2 Ric. III, pt. 2, No. 10; 2 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 9; 3 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 11; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 1, pt. 7, No. 7; 2 Eliz., pt. 2, No. 7; 3 Jas. I, pt. 3, No. 10. Charter Roll, 9 Ed. II, No. 37. Also in MS. Cotton Vesp. B. XV, fo. 40 *b* (late transcript): Camb. Univ. Library, MS. 1075, fo. 79; 'Statuta Minora' (Dean and Chapter Library), fo. 71 *b*.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 291; Dugdale's *St. Paul's*, App. XVIII; Simpson's *Registrum Sancti Pauli*, p. 112.]

This reads like a conflation of a Latin with an English writ.

112. *Confirmation (spurious) by William I, *patronus* of the Normans and King of the English, to Fécamp Abbey. [1072–8.]

Of all its lands in England, namely Steyning and Bereminster, with all laws and free customs; and confirming the lands of the abbey in general, with exemption from all secular services. The lands given by Duke Richard are specially mentioned.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count William, the King's son; Count Robert, the King's son; Henry de Beaumont; Robert de Beaumont; Robert (*sic*) de Montgomeri; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Robert Count of Mortain; Hugh Earl of Chester; William Abbot of Cormeilles; Osmund the Chancellor; Roger de Beaumont; Fulk de Mosteriolo; Bernard fitz Ospac.

[Cartae Antiquae (olim) S. 1 (copy).
D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 43 (calendared); *Monasticon*, vii. 1082; *Neustria Pia*, p. 233.]

Bereminster appears in *D. B.* (i. 17), under the name *Berie*, as belonging to Fécamp. But see *infra* the genuine grant of 1085.

113. *Notification (spurious) by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and Stigand Bp. of Chichester. [1074–8.] Winchester.

That he has founded the Abbey of St. Martin of Battle in the place where God gave him the victory over his adversaries. He has instituted it according to the order of Marmoutier, and has placed there Gausbert as the first abbot. It is to be free from all claims on the part of Marmoutier, &c., like Christchurch, Canterbury, and the King's own chapel and the Crown of England. During a vacancy in the abbacy the prior and monks are to have custody of all the estates. The abbot is to have no revenues of his own, but to share everything with the monks. He is to be canonically elected and to pay nothing for consecration. He is not to squander the endowments on his kinsfolk or others, nor to give lands which pay rent (*terras censuales*) as a military fee, nor to dub knights; nor is any one to hold any of the possessions of the church by feudal tenure (*feudaliter*) but for rent and service. In the household of the abbey no one is to hold an office by hereditary tenure, but the abbot and monks shall be at liberty to change their reeves or other officials.

Witnesses: Peter Bp. of Chester; Herman Bp. of Salisbury; William Earl Warenne; Bernard de Neufmarché; Abbot Gausbert [of Battle] and his monks.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 56; 22 Ed. III, No. 32; 4 Ric. II, No. 16; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 15; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5. *Monasticon*, iii. 245.]

This charter is either spurious, or grossly inflated.

[1074–8.] **114.** Charter by William I addressed to A[rnold] Bp. of Le Mans, Count R[obert, the King's son], Robert Count of Mortain, I[ngelram], son of Ilbert, and R. Giffard and to all his other lieges of Maine.

Granting for the repair of the damage done by or through him to the canons of St. Julian at Tours that all St. Julian's land beyond the Sarthe shall be quit for all time of certain dues. 'Laudantibus et consentientibus Matildi Anglorum regina uxore mea et Roberto comite filio meo.'

Witnesses: Earl Roger [of Montgomeri]; Count Alan [of Brittany]; Osmund the Chancellor; Fulco the sheriff (*vicarius*).

[Copy in Liber Albus of St. Julian (Public Library, Le Mans). Cauvin, *Chartularium Insignis Ecclesiae Cenomannensis* (1869), No. 1; Round, *C. D. F.* 1016 (calendared).]

1079. **115.** *Charter (spurious) by William I to the Abbey of Jumièges.

Confirming all its possessions and the charters of his predecessors; restoring a wood which had been seized by Roger of Montgomeri, and confirming the acquisitions made by the abbey in his reign.

[Copy in Archives of Seine-Inférieure. Round, *C. D. F.* 152 (calendared).]

'Clearly spurious in its present form' (Round, *u. s.*).

1079 [Jan.] Gerberoy *in obsidione*. **115a.** Charter of Philip I, King of France, to the basilica of St. Quintin at Beauvais.

Signa: King Philip; King William; Robert the *dapifer* of the King [Philip]; Waleran *camerarius*; Hervé *buticularius*; Adam *constabularius*; Anselm Abbot of Bec; Raoul treasurer of the Church of Beauvais; Count Hugo, brother of the King [Philip]; Manasses Abp. of Rheims; Thetbold Bp. of Soissons; Wido Bp. of Beauvais; Gerard Bp. of Cambrai; Roger Bp. of Châlons; Ratbod Bp. of Noyon; Ivo Bp. of Senlis; Hubert Bp. of Térouanne; Godfrey the Chancellor; Warin and Arnulf, Archdeacons. Present: Ivo Abbot of St. Quintin at Beauvais; Alulf the monk; Count Ivo of Beaumont; Alberic de Couci; Geoffrey de Chaumont [en Vexin]; Lanscelin and Raoul, tenants of Beauvais; Ansold of Meaux; Ascelin de Bullis.

[*Recueil des Actes de Philippe Ier* (ed. M. Prou, Paris 1908), p. 242 (with full indications of the MSS.); *Gallia Christiana X Instrumenta*, col. 246; Mansi, *Concilia xx*. 502.]

'Actum publice in obsidione predictorum regum, videlicet Philippi regis Francorum et Guillelmi Anglorum regis, circa Gerborredum, anno incarnati Verbi millesimo septuagesimo viiij°, anno vero regni Philippi regis Francorum nono decimo.'

On the date see the remarks of Prou *u. s.*, p. 242.

[1069–79.] **116.** Confirmation by William I to the Abbey of St. Stephen of Caen.

Of the gift made by Waleran, son of Ranulf, of the church of St. Mary at Buri [co. Suffolk], &c.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; John Abp. [of Rouen]; Roger of Beaumont; Robert of Beaumont.

[Bib. Nat., Paris, MS. Nouv. Acq. Lat. 1428, fo. 3 (transcript). Round, *C. D. F.* 1409 (calendared).]

[1070–9.] **117.** Memorandum respecting grants by Ralph Taxo, son of Ralph of Anjou, to the Abbey of Fontenay.

After the death of Ralph, when his possessions had come into the hands of Matilda his wife and of his son, and some of the barons of the honour had begun to wrong the abbot and subtract the grants of Ralph, and this had

come to the notice of King William, he ordered Richard the vicomte of Avranches, with the consent of Matilda, to convene the men of the honour in Caen, and to enumerate under oath the grants which Ralph had made to Fontenay. Four lawful men were chosen by common consent for this purpose, and they recited the list of grants, which were then by the King's command recorded in a charter and recited to him before his barons, and confirmed by his subscription and the evidence of his barons. The King also granted to Fontenay immunity from all his rights, and power of buying and selling freely, and quittance from toll and custom throughout Normandy.

Signa: William the King; Matilda the Queen; Matilda, daughter of Walter [wife of Ralph Taxo]; Odo of Bayeux; Robert Count of Mortain; Roger de Montgomeri; Roger de Beaumont; Richard Vicomte of the Avranchin; William Abbot of Caen; Ralph de Vallibus; Ralph fitz Geoffrey; Ralph his nephew; Ralph de Pura Aqua; Ingulf de Essun; Oger de Toireio; Ingelrann de Toireio; Ralph de Montabo; Roger his brother; Richard de Valle Dario.

[*Gallia Christiana*, xi, Instrumenta, cols. 61–5.]

118. Memorandum. [1072–9.]
Of a suit before the Curia of William I, between Robert Bp. of Séez and Earl Rouen.
Roger [of Montgomeri], the latter complaining that the Bishop had excommunicated without a cause the priory of St. Leonard of Belesme. Judgement was pronounced, at the bidding of the King and Queen, who were present, by John the Abp. of Rouen and Roger de Beaumont and many other barons.

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; John Abp. of Rouen; Robert Bp. of Séez; Earl Roger; Robert de Belesme; Roger de Beaumont; Warin Curvisus; William and Basuin, canons; Amellandus, and many others.

Seal broken.

[Original in Archives of the Orne, H. 2156.
Round, *C. D. F.* 1190 (calendared). Romanet et Tournouer, *Doc. sur la Province de Perche*, Fascicules xix–xxi (1895).]

119. Charter by Richard de Courci, confirmed by William I, to Abbot [1077–9.]
Bartholomew and the monks of Marmoutier at Tours.

Granting the church of St. Vigor [en Perrières] and other gifts.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; John Abp. [of Rouen]; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux]; Gilbert Bp.; Roger de Beaumont; Eudo Aldup; Ralph de Montpinchon; William de Arques; Walter Giffard.

[Original in Archives of the Orne, H. 2007. Bibl. Nat., Paris, MS. Lat. 5441 [ii], fo. 85 (from the original).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1194 (calendared).]

120. Record of a suit, tried at Caen before William I, between the abbots of [1080]
Lonlay and St. Florent of Saumur, as the result of which the King confirmed Jan. 7.
the grant of William of Braose of the church of St. Gervais to St. Florent. Caen.
The judges were: William Abp. of Rouen; Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Anselm Abbot of Bec; Gilbert Abbot of Caen; Durand Abbot of Troarn; Robert Abbot of Séez.

[Liber Albus of St. Florent (Archives of Maine et Loire), fo. 118 v° (copy).
Mémoires de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie, xxx (1880) 681; Round, *C. D. F.* 1114 (calendared).]

121. Record of a confirmation by William I, Queen Mathildis and their [1080]
sons, to St. Florent of Saumur. Jan. 31.
Of the church of St. Gervais and St. Protaise and other property given by St. Georges
William de Braose to St. Florent. de Bocherville.

Witnesses: Odo, consul [Bp. of Bayeux]; Hugh Earl [*consul*] of Chester; Alan Rufus; Walter de Mayenne; Henry de Beaumont; Odo, son of Gamelin;

William Peverel; William de Falaise; Roger Bigot; Humphrey de Bohun and Richard his son; Eudo [*Heunnus*] the *vicomte*; Ralph, son of Terrerius; Hausselinus; William, the monk and Abp. of Rouen; Reginald, the King's chaplain; Bernard, son of Ospac.

[Livre Blanc de St. Florent (Archives of Maine-et-Loire), fo. 116 v° (copy).
Mém. de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie, xxx. (1880), p. 682; Round, *C. D. F.* 1113.]

On the date see Round, *l. c.*

1080 April 2. Kenetford.

122. Record of an inquest, taken at Kenetefored, by the oath of the three neighbouring shires, concerning the liberties of Ely monastery. At that time the monk Godfrey was administering the property of the saint. The King sent the order for the inquiry through the Bp. of Bayeux. Among those who were present with their men, French and English, were the following: Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmunds, Wulfwold Abbot of Chertsey, Vlfchetel of Croyland, Alfwold of Holm. The envoys (*legati*) of the King were Richard, son of Count Gilbert, Hamo *Dapifer*, Tihel de Herion. The sheriffs and their men were: Picot [sheriff of Cambridge], Eustace [sheriff of Hunts.], Ralph [sheriff of Essex], Walter (appearing for Roger and Robert the sheriffs [of Norfolk and Suffolk]), Harduin, Wido, Wimer, Wichumer, Odo, Godric, Norman, Colsuuein, Godwin, and many other respectable knights from the four shires of Essex, Hertford, Huntingdon, and Bedford.

[Copies in Cotton Tib. A. VI, fo. 105; Trin. Coll., Cambridge, O. 2. 1, fo. 92; O. 2. 41, fo. 104; Cotton MS. Titus A. 1, fo. 26.
Inq. Com. Cant. p. 17.]

Apparently Odo of Bayeux acts here as justiciar in the King's absence. For Tihel de Herion see *D. B.* ii. 427 *b*.

1080 Easter (April 12). ? Rouen.

123. Memorandum of a suit heard by William I and the churchmen and laymen of high degree who were assembled at the King's court for the festival. The suit was between the Abbey of the Holy Trinity at Rouen and the Bishop of Evreux, relating to the isle of Bedane (*Oscellus, Torhulmus*).

Present: William Abp. of Rouen; Richard Abp. of Bourges; Warmund Abp. of Vienne; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Robert the Count, brother of the King; Robert Count of Eu; Guy Count of Ponthieu; Roger of Beaumont and his sons Robert and Henry; Roger of Montgomeri; Walter Giffard; William of Arques, and all the greater nobles of the King's court.

Signa: William the King; Matilda the Queen; Robert and William their sons; William the Abp.; Warmund the Abp.; Robert, the King's brother; Guy Count of Ponthieu.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. lxxxii (copy).
Deville, *Cart. de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 462; Round, *C. D. F.* 78 (calendared).]

1080 May 31 (Pentecost). Lillebonne.

124. Canons of the Council of Lillebonne, sealed with the seal of Henry I.

[Trésor des Chartes, *Normandie*, No. 1, carton J. 210 (original); ed. Teulet, *Layettes* i. 22.
Labbé, *Concilia*, x, c. 391; Pommeraye, *Rotomagensis ecclesie concilia*, p. 103; Bessin, *Concilia Rotomagensis provinciae*, pt. 1, p. 67; Orderic, ii. 315 (ed. Prévost).]

See the remarks in *Musée des Archives Nationales* (1872), p. 79.

1080 July 14. Caen.

125. Charter by William I (mutilated) to the Abbey of Lessay [in the diocese of Coutances].

Confirming the foundation.

Signa: William the King; Matilda the Queen; Robert the Count, the King's son; William, the King's son; W[illiam] Abp. of Rouen; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Nicholas Abbot of St. Ouen of Rouen; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Anselm Abbot of Bec; Durand Abbot of Troarn; Deodatus Abbot of Fontenai; Gontard Abbot of Jumièges;

Ralph Abbot of St. Taurin; Mainer Abbot of St. Évroul; Robert de la Haie; his wife; Ralph de la Haie, son of Robert; Maurice the Chancellor; Henry de Beaumont; Thomas Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Giso Bp. of Wells; Baldwin sheriff of Exeter; Roger de Beaumont; Hugo de Gornay; Richard Archdeacon of Coutances; Benedict Archdeacon of Rouen; Humphrey de Bohun; Ranulf *vicecomes*; Henry, son of King William; Bp. . . .; Robert de Beaumont; Alan the Count; Hubert de Port; Robert de Mowbray; Eudo de Ria fitz Hubert; Roger Earl of Montgomeri; William Count of Evreux; Engelramn fitz Hubert; Ralph de Montpinchon, *Dapifer*; Richard de Curci.

[Pretended original in Archives of the Manche, H. 4601; Pancarte in Archives of the Manche, H. 4602 (copy of 16th cent.).
Gallia Christiana, vol. xi, inst. col. 226; Round, *C.D.F.* 919 (calendared); Facs. in *Musée des Archives Départmentales* (Paris, 1878).]

'Quarto idus Julii &c. [as in *Gallia Christiana*] . . . notamina isdem at[testarunt H]ugone de Lafertel, Nigello de Lando; Hugone de Beauchamp. Apud Cadomum, &c. [as in *Gallia*] . . . Robertus Mauritanie comes et Mathildis, &c. . . . Gaufridus filius Riallonis, Willelmus de Lestra, Radulfus de Gorgis, &c.' . . . [text here much damaged].

126. Grant by Ingelrann fitz Hilbert. 1080.

With the consent of King William and Matilda his wife and their sons Robert and William, to Abbot Walter and the Holy Trinity, for his soul and their souls and those of his ancestors, of two-thirds of the tithe belonging to him in Bois l'Évêque; on condition that he shall always have the right of admitting one clerk to that monastery.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Robert, the King's son; William, his brother; Ingelrann; Robert Count of Mortain; Vitalis, abbat; Rainald, clerk; Robert fitz Gerald.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), No. lxxxix (copy).
Deville, *Cart. de la Sainte-Trinité*, p. 466; Round, *C. D. F.* 79 (calendared imperfectly).]

127. Confirmation by William I. 1080.

Of an agreement between the Holy Trinity of Fécamp and Richard and Turstin de Croilli, concerning the establishment of monks at St. Gabriel on the Seulles. 'Acta est autem confirmatio ista anno Incarnationis Dominicae MLXXX.' There were present King William, his sons Robert and William, Abp. William of Rouen, Michael Bp. of Avranches, Gilbert Bp. of Evreux, Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances, Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux, Robert Bp. of Séez, and great men and abbots.

Signa: [William] the King; [Matilda] the Queen; Earl Robert; [William] the Abp. [of Rouen]; [Michael] Bp. of Avranches; [Gilbert] Bp. of Evreux; [Gosfrid] Bp. of Coutances; [Gilbert] Bp. of Lisieux; [Robert] Bp. of Séez; Vitalis Abbot of Westminster; Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury]; Robert of Beaumont; Crispin; Croceus. Witnesses: [Mainer] Abbot of St. Evroul; [Fulco] Abbot of St. Pierre sur Dive; [Robert] Abbot of Séez; Maleonductus Anglice ville; Willelmus Putot.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MS. Nouv. Acq. Lat. 1428, fo. 3 (transcript).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1410 (calendared).]

128. Abstract of a grant, made in 1080 by Walter de Lacy, and confirmed by William I. to St. Peter of Gloucester, of the land of Ledene. [1080.] Berkeley.

Signa: King William; Vitalis Abbot [of Westminster]; Walter de Lacy; Richard, son of Count Gilbert; Roger de Ivri; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury.

[Gloucester Cartulary (P. R. O.), fo. 104 (copy).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. i. 374.]

The King appears to have kept the Christmas feast of 1080 at Gloucester (Symeon, *H. R. D.* 119). Ledene is entered among the possessions of the abbey in Domesday Book (fo. 16[illegible]).

[c. 1080.] **129.** Precept by William I to all his lieges and sheriffs in whose shires the Abbey of Ely has lands.

That the abbey shall have all its customs: namely, sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief, hamsocn, grithbrice, fithwite, fyrdwite and all other emendable forfeitures over its own men in its own land, in borough and out of borough; as it possessed them at the time of Edward's death, and as they were proved at Keneteforde by the King's command by the oath of several shires and before his barons: namely, Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances, Abbot Baldwin, Abbot Ælsi, Abbot Wulfwold [of Chertsey], Ivo Taillebois, Peter de Valognes, Picot the sheriff [of Cambridge], Tihel de Heluin [i. e. Herion], Hugo de Hosdeng, Gocelin of Norwich, and others.

Witness: Roger Bigod.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Tib. A. VI, fo. 105 v°; Trin. Coll. Camb. O. 2. 1, fo. 92; O. 2. 41, fo. 104; Cotton MS. Titus A. I, fo. 26; Cotton MS. Aug. II, 13; Charter Rolls, 12 Ed. II, No. 40; 2 Ed. III, No. 78; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 6, m. 25; Confirm. Rolls, 1 H. VII, pt. 1, No. 11; 14–18 Eliz., No. 6; 4 Jas. I, No. 13; Cartae Antiquae, 2 (13); 35 (3).
Inq. Com. Cant. p. xviii; Bentham's *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 9*; *Monasticon*, i. 477–8; *Liber Eliensis* (1848), p. 252; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, pp. 23–4.]
On the date see *Monasticon*, i. 460.

[c. 1080.] **130.** Charter, addressed to Bp. Remigius [of Lincoln] and Robert de Oilli by William I, in favour of the Abbey of Préaux.

That the abbey is to enjoy the alms which he and other benefactors have given: viz. the lands of Ælfhelm and Wulfric at Watlington [co. Oxon.]; five hides at Aston Tirrell [co. Berks.]; five hides at Arlscott [co. Warwick] given by Roger of Beaumont; the tithes of Sturminster [co. Dorset]: also those of Hill Moreton [co. Warwick], Norton, Whitchurch [co. Warwick], and Great Harborough [co. Warwick] given by Roger's sons, Count Robert of Meulan and Henry Earl of Warwick; also the church of Newbury [co. Berks.] given by Ernulf of Hesdin; also the tithes of Stratfield [co. Hants] and Shaw [co. Berks.], given by Hugh, son of Baldric, sheriff of Yorkshire.

[Cartulary of Préaux (Archives of the Eure), fo. 145 v° (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 318 (calendared).]
For Watlington, and Ælfhelm its former owner, see *D. B.* i. 157; for Aston Tirrell (held by Préaux from the Count of Mortain), *D. B.* i. 60; for Arlscott (Orlavescot), *D. B.* i. 240 *b*. Henry of Beaumont's title is presumably a copyist's addition.

[c. 1080.] **131.** Confirmation by William I to the Abbey of Saint-Sauveur.

Of the foundation charter of Néel the *vicomte*.

Witnesses: King William; Néel the *vicomte*; William Abp. [of Rouen]; Robert Count of Meulan; Maurice the Chancellor; William, son of Ansgot; Henry de Beaumont.

['Cartulaire de Saint Sauveur, n° 15 et 463; Registre CXXII du Trésor des Chartes, n° 88' (copies).
Delisle, *Saint Sauveur-le-Vicomte, Pièces Justif.*, No. 38, p. 42.]
The date is given as above by Delisle.

[c. 1080] Dec. 27. Cherbourg. **132.** Record of a suit respecting the rights of St. Martin of Marmoutier. Tours, in a prebend of St. George [of Bohun] which was claimed by Geoffrey, son of Nerveus. The case was decided in favour of Marmoutier by judgement of the court of the King of the English; viz. Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances, Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux, and Eudo the *vicomte* whom the King had deputed to judge that case. The names of the witnesses are given.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MSS. Lat. 12878, fo. 235 (copy).
Delisle, *Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte, Pièces Justif.*, No. 42, p. 46; Round, *C. D. F.* 1212 (calendared).]
An interesting record because of the reference to the *Curia Regis*.

133. Memorandum (appended to preceding record). [c. 1081] Bernouville.

Of a confirmation which William I made, to St. Martin [of Marmoutier] and St. George [of Bohun], of a grant to St. George's priory which Humphrey de Bohun gave in augmentation of his previous endowment. This was done at Humphrey's request when the King was at Bernouville [Eure], sitting on his carpet between the church and the forester's house, after he had returned from England.

Witnesses: [Robert] Count of Mortain; Count Alan Rufus.

[Bibl. Nat. Paris, MS. lat. 12878, fo. 235 (copy).
Delisle, *Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte*, Preuves, No. 42; Round, *C. D. F.* 1212 (calendared).]

The date of this confirmation can only be conjectured. But assuming the date of No. 132 to be Dec. 27, 1080, this would be granted late in 1081, the King being absent in England and Wales for a great part of 1081.

134. Letter by William I, 'Anglorum Rex et Dux Normannorum,' to Gregory VII. [1077–80 ? 1080.]

The King has received through Hubert, the Papal legate, a demand that he should do fealty to the Pope and his successors. This he refuses as unprecedented. But he will cause the arrears of Peter's pence to be collected. He begs the prayers of the Pope for himself and the realm.

[Copy in Cotton MS. Nero A. VII, fo. 28.
Lanfranci Opera, ed. D'Achery (1648), p. 304; ed. Giles, i. 32; Ellis, *Original Letters*, Series III, vol. i, p. 15.]

On the date see Freeman, *N. C.* iv. 433 (1871), who fixes the limits as 1076–83; H. Böhmer, *Kirche und Staat in England und Normandie*, p. 134, who argues for the date 1080; Z. N. Brooke (*E. H. R.* xxvi, 225), who limits the date to 1077–80, and argues for the date 1080.

135. Grant by Matilda, 'Dei gratia regina et legalis coniux Willielmi Anglorum strenuissimi regis, ceterarumque gentium circumquaque persistencium prepotentis rectoris, ac Normannorum nobilissimi ducis,' to the Virgin and St. Aldhelm of Malmesbury. 1081 Feb. [London.]

Of her land of Garsdon [co. Wilts.] with the consent of the King, her husband, and at the prayer of Abbot Warin.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Walter Abbot of Evesham; Count Robert; Henry, the King's son; Count 'Halamius'[1] [? Alan]; Eadward the sheriff; Baldwin the sheriff.

[Copies in P. R. O. Malmesbury Cartulary, fo. 135; Bodleian, Wood MS. 1, fo. 53 v°.
Registrum Malmesburiense (R. S.), i. 326; *Monasticon*, i. 259.]

Dating clause before list of witnesses. 'Hanc vero donationem gratulanter feci, imperante summo atque inestimabili Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ineffabilis Incarnationis ejusdem anno M°LXXXI, indictione iiij, regnante serenissimo Willelmo XV anno, in mense Februario.'

Garsdon does not appear in Domesday among the possessions of Malmesbury. It is mentioned in the general confirmation of Innocent IV in 1248 (*Monasticon*, i. 260).

[1] *Alamii comitis*, Bodleian MS. *u. s.*

136. *Diploma (spurious) by William I, 'Deo disponente rex Anglorum ceterarumque gentium circumquaque persistentium, rector et dux Normannorum,' to Warin Abbot of Malmesbury and his successors. 1081 [Feb.] London.

Confirming at the prayer of Queen Matilda, all the grants which the King's predecessors made to Malmesbury, with the liberties which Edward the Confessor granted, viz. freedom from shires and hundreds, gelds and customs, sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, mundbryce, hamsocn, forsteal.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury;

Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Walter Abbot of Evesham; Count Robert; Henry, the King's son; Count 'Halamius' [? Count Alan]; Baldwin the sheriff; Robert of Dauntsey.

[Copies in P.R.O. Malmesbury Cartulary, fo. 135 *b*; Bodleian, Wood MS. 1, fo. 52 (Leiger Book); Cartae Antiquae (olim) Q, No. 2; ibid. (olim) W, No. 2; Lansdowne MS. 417, fo. 29.
Registrum Malmesburiense (R. S.), i. 325; *Monasticon*, i. 259.]
'Datum apud Londonias, assistente Warino abbate.' Before the list of witnesses comes a dating clause, 'Facta est autem hujus donationis cartula anno ab Incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi MLXXXI, indictione iiij, anno regni Willelmi fortissimi XV.'

1081 May 31. Winchester 'in palatio regio'.

137. *Charter (spurious) by William I to Abbot Baldwin and the monks of St. Edmund's, Bury.

Confirming the exemption of the church and vill of St. Edmund from the jurisdiction of Bp. Arfast [of Thetford] and his successors; the case having been heard and settled by the King with the counsel of his archbishops, bishops, earls, and other knights.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Hugo Bp. of London; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Wulstan Bp. of Worcester; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Stigand Bp. of Bath (*lege* Chichester); Osbert Bp. of Exeter; Peter Bp. of Chester; Arfast Bp. of Thetford; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Robert Bp. of Hereford; Robert, the King's son; William, the King's son; Henry, the King's son; Maurice, the King's chancellor; Bernard, the King's chaplain; Scotland Abbot of St. Augustine; Wlfwold Abbot of Chertsey; Vitalis Abbot of Westminster; Ægelnoth Abbot of Glastonbury; Ægelwi Abbot of Evesham; Ægelsin Abbot of Ramsey; Turold Abbot of Peterborough; Earl Roger of Montgomeri; Hugh Earl of Chester; Alan Earl of the East Angles (*lege* Brittany); Alberic Earl of Northumbria; Robert de Beaumont; Hugo de Montfort; Richard, son of Count Gilbert; Baldwin, brother of Richard; Henry de Ferrers; Hugo de Grantmesnil; Walter Giffard.

[Original in MS. Cotton Aug. II, 25 (Latin and English). Copies in MS. Bodl. 297, p. 387 (Latin); B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 31 (witnesses imperfect).
Memorials of St. Edmund's Abbey, i. 347 (Latin); *Monasticon*, iii. 141 (Latin); *Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society*, vol. iv (English text only).]
'Data pridie kal. Junii anno XV° regnante Willelmo rege gloriosissimo, ab incarnatione autem Domini anno MLXXXI Indictione iv. Actum apud Wintoniam in palatio regio. In Dei nomine feliciter Amen.'
The style shows all the marks of a forgery. Ægelnoth of Glastonbury is said to have been deposed in 1078 (Winchester Chron. Appendix), but there are reasons for preferring a later date, 1081 or 1082 (Freeman, *N. C.* iv. 393).

[c. 1081 May 31.] [Winchester.]

138. Writ by William I to Roger Bigot and all his lieges.

Announcing that he has settled in the favour of Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmund's, Bury, the suit with Arfast Bp. of Thetford; having heard it with the advice of his archbishops, bishops, earls, and other barons.

[Bodleian MS. 297, p. 389 (copy).
Memorials of St. Edmund's Abbey, i. 350 (Rolls Series).]
To this suit there is a reference in Lanfranc's letter (No. xix, p. 311, ed. D'Achéry) addressed to Bp. Herfast: 'Rex dum vobiscum esset praecepit ut querimonia de clericis Abbatis Balduini, quae inter vos et ipsum abbatem versabatur, sopita remaneret quoadusque ipsemet ipsam causam audiret, vel a me, si temporis opportunitas sic suggereret, audiri praeciperet.' Gregory VII ordered this suit to be heard in a letter of Nov. 20, 1073 (*Mon. Gregoriana*, p. 49).

[c. 1081 May 31.] [Winchester.]

139. Notification by William to all his lieges.

That his prelates and barons have in his presence tried the dispute between

Abbot Baldwin of St. Edmunds and Bp. Herfast, respecting the vill and the church of St. Edmund; and have found that the claim of the Bishop was unjust, and that Arfast and his successors are entitled to nothing in that vill.

[Album Registrum Mon. S. Edmundi (B. M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v°.
Battely, *Antiquitates*, p. 146 (*Ex Registro Sacristae*, fo. 146).]

140. Confirmation and grants by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum atque princeps Cenomannorum,' to St. Evroul-en-Ouche. 1081. Winchester (Urbs Guenta).

(1) Grants 'de dominio meo' the vill of Rawell (co. Glos.), the church of Nettleham (co. Lincoln). (2) Confirms the English grants made by Roger Earl of Shrewsbury, Mabel his daughter, Guarin sheriff of Shrewsbury, Hugo de Grantmesnil, Ralph de Conches, Hugo son of Constant, Hugh Earl of Chester, Robert of Rhuddlan, Roscelin of Stainton, Osbern fitz Tezso, Baudri de Farforth (or Farford), Roger de Millai, Brisard, Robert Pultrel.

Signa: King William; Robert and William, sons of the King; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Hugh Earl of Chester; Ralph de Conches; William de Breteuil; Hugo de Grantmesnil; Robert de Rhyddlan; Robert, son of Murdac; Gouffier de Villerai; William de Moulins-la-Marche; Richer de Laigle; Eudo, *Dapifer*: Guarin sheriff of Shrewsbury.

[Orderic Vitalis, Bk. vi.
Prévost, iii. 19.]

'Hoc testamentum signo sanctae crucis dedicandum trado; ut in aeternum regali auctoritate rata sit haec donatio, et sacrilegos sacrarum violatores rerum irremediabilis, nisi a reatu resipuerint, feriat maledictio.'

A long preamble: 'Omnibus fidei catholicae fautoribus, pacemque in Ecclesia servantibus, summum et inexplicabile gaudii munus. Quoniam brevis est mortalis vita, et de generatione in generatione (*sic*) transeunt omnia, volumus litterarum testimonio temporis nostri decreta confirmare, ut quae nos recte facimus e nosro jure, et ex data a Deo potestate, nemo successorum nostrorum audeat violare; ne scilicet ei contradicat, qui omnia regna suo arbitrio dispensat. Ego itaque Guillelmus, &c.'

For Rawell see *D. B.* i. 166 *b*. For Nettleham, ib. 138 (where, however, St. Evroul is not named).

141. *Charter (spurious) by William I. [1081.]

Giving to the church of St. Pierre at Ghent and Abbot Everelm the manor of Lewisham, with the appurtenances, viz. Greenwich, Woolwich, Mottingham and Combe [co. Kent], as granted by King Edward and by Elstrude, a lady of the royal blood, whom Count Baldwin [the Bald] took to wife and carried off from England. And granting the adjacent lands on this side of the royal forest called Andred, namely Eschore, Effehage, Wigendene, Scarendene, Santrysce, for the repair of the houses belonging to the abbey. And confirming to them part of the *Wermanni-acre*, and the wharf belonging to it; the sites on the said acre used for fairs and markets, the stalls (*selda*) and shops (*scoppi*), the revenues, rights, customs, and wharf-dues. All merchants, native or foreign, who under King Edward might have been harboured in the soc, or stalls or wharf of St. Peter, may return thither under the royal protection. The monks are to be exempt from geld, danegeld, and scot: from pleas of shires and hundreds, *murdrum* and *latrocinium*, bridge-work, host-service, castle-ward, &c. He confirms to them all the customs granted by King Edward, viz. mundbryce, fyrd-wite, weard-wite, blod-wite, bleastinge, sceawinge, &c.

Signa: King William, Queen Matilda; Abp. Lanfranc [of Canterbury]; Abp. Thomas [of York]; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux]; Geoffrey Bp. [of Coutances]; Hugh Bp. of London; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Peter Bp. of Chester; Robert, the King's son; Maurice the Chancellor; Abbot Scotland; Abbot Wulfwold; Abbot Ailnod; Earls Roger, Hugh; Counts Alan, Robert; Robert de Beaumont; Hugh de Montfort; Richard, son

of Count Gilbert; Baldwin his brother; Henry de Ferrers; Walter Giffard; Hugh de Grantmesnil; Geoffrey de Mandeville; Roger Bigod; Robert de Oilli; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Ivo Taillebois; Peter de Ever (*sic*); Count Eustace; William, the King's son; William fitz Osbert; Walter de Gant; Ralph Bain[er]; Algar Horn; Deorman, Leofstan; Afswand Grossus of London; Kypping de Wytrie.

[Cartulary of St. Pierre of Ghent (Archives de la Flandre Orientale), fo. 12 (copy).
Messager des Sciences Historiques de Belgique, 1842, p. 246 (abstract); *Bulletin de l'Acad. de Bruxelles*, ix. 263; Van Lokeren, *Chartes etc. de St. Pierre*, i. 104; Round, *C. D. F.* 1375 (calendared).]

The charter of Edward the Confessor is analysed in the *Messager Historique*, *u. s.*, p. 243. This mentions the *Werman-ether* (? *acher*) and the *huervum*, but not the other commercial privileges here specified.

Dated 'Anno Dominice Incarnationis MLXXXI'. But Abbot Everelm died in 1069 and William fitz Osbert in 1073. And Hugh de Orival did not become Bp. of London till 1075; and Maurice was not Chancellor till 1078. This charter must therefore be regarded as spurious.

In Domesday Book (i. 12 *b*) St. Peter of Ghent is entered as holding the manor of Lewisham (co. Kent) and as having held it T. R. E. Henry I refers to a charter of his father confirming Lewisham and Greenwich to St. Peter of Ghent (Round, *C. D. F.* No. 1377). The wharf and other commercial privileges mentioned in this charter were in Greenwich, and are described in the charter of Henry I. They appear to be implied in the *D. B.* entry (under Lewisham), 'de exitu portus XL solidi'. The manor of Greenwich was held in 1086 by the Bp. of Lisieux from the Bp. of Bayeux (*D. B.* i. 6 *b*).

[c. 1081.] **142.** Notice of a confirmation by William I to the Abbey of Marmoutier. Of a gift made by Eudo, son of Turstin, in Helleville (Manche).

Witnesses: King William; Queen Matilda; William, the King's son; Earl Hugh; Gosfrid; Richard; Peter; Ralph; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Engelramn; Roger the door-keeper; William Paganus.

['Bibl. Imp. MS. Latin 12880, f. 219 v°' (copy).
Delisle, *Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte*, Preuves Justif., No. 41, p. 45.]

The date given above is that assigned by Delisle.

[1080–1] Xmas. Westminster. **143.** Precept by William I to Walkelin Bp. of Winchester and Hugh de Port and the sheriff, &c., of Southampton.

That the monks of Westminster are to have the manor of Eversley in the hundred of Holesceate, with all the liberties, &c., which King Edward gave. No one is to do them wrong on pain of £10 forfeiture.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; William Bp. of Durham; Robert Count of Meulan; Count Alan; Haimo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigod; Ivo Taillebois; Robert de Oilli and many others (*sic*).

[Dean and Chapter, Westminster, Charter XXIII (copy).
Westminster Domesday, fo. 678 v° (copy).]

'Apud Westmonasterium in Natali Domini.'

Odo disgraced 1082. William of Durham received his see in 1080, consecrated Jan. 3, 1081.

Eversley is entered in *D. B.* as the manor of Westminster Abbey. T. R. E. it had belonged to four thanes (*D. B.* i. 43 *b*).

1081 Jan. 2. Westminster. **144.** *Charter (spurious) by William I, notifying to Hugh the Bp. [of London] and Geoffrey de Mandeville and the sheriff [of Middlesex] and all sheriffs [of Middlesex] who shall come after him, the confirmation of the privileges of the Abbey of Westminster in London, and of the freedom of all merchants lodging on the abbey's lands.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Thomas Abp. [of York]; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux]; Gosfrid Bp. [of Coutances]; Hugh Bp. of London; Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Wulfstan Bp. [of Worcester]; Remigius Bp. [of Lincoln]; Stigand Bp. [of Selsey]; Osbert Bp. [of Exeter]; Peter Bp. [of Coventry]; Herfast Bp. [of Thetford]; Gundulf Bp. [of Rochester]; Osmund Bp. [of Salisbury]; Robert Bp. [of Hereford]; Robert, the King's son; Maurice the Chancellor; Samson the Chaplain; Bernard the

Chaplain ; Robert the Chaplain ; Scotland Abbot [of St. Augustine's, Canterbury] ; Wulfwold Abbot [of Chertsey] ; Ægelnoth Abbot [of Glastonbury] ; Roger Earl [of Shrewsbury] ; Hugh Earl [of Chester] ; Count Alan ; Robert Count of Mortain ; Robert de Beaumont ; Hugh de Montfort ; Richard son of Count Gilbert ; Baldwin his brother ; Henry de Ferrers ; Hugo de Grantmesnil ; Walter Giffard ; Hamo, *Dapifer* ; Ivo Taillebois ; Roger Bigod ; Robert de Oilli ; Geoffrey de Mandeville ; Peter de Vere.

B. M. Cotton Aug. II, 54 (copy).

'Anno Incarnationis dominicae MLXXXj^mo^, regni etiam prenominati gloriosi regis Willelmi XV^mo^, convenientibus in unum cunctis patriae primatibus, in natiuitate domini nostri Jhesu Christi, ipsa eadem die circumcisionis scripta est hec carta et autoritata et ab excellentioribus regni personis testificata et confirmata et corroborata in nomine domini feliciter amen. Ego Ingulfus regalium decretorum notarius, ad uicem Mauritii cancellarii, sub cartulari testificatione praesens priuilegium apud Westmonasterium prenotavi et subscripsi † provide concessum et a regia magnificentia iure datum iiij° non. Januarii indictione quarta.'

The list of witnesses is chronologically reconcilable with the date here given. But the document is a typical Westminster forgery.

145. Confirmation by William I. 1082

Of a grant by Count Robert of Mortain and the Countess Mathildis, to St. Martin of Marmoutier, Tours, of the church of St. Mary and the land which Norgod held of St. Evroul as a prebend, the Count giving an equivalent to St. Evroul. June 24. Oissel.

Signa : King William ; Count William, the King's son ; Robert Count of the Normans, the King's son ; Earl Roger [of Montgomeri] ; William Abp. of Rouen ; Michael Bp. of Avranches ; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux ; Robert Count of Mortain ; Countess Matilda ; William, son of Count Robert of Mortain ; William Patricius ; William de Campo Bernulfi ; Geoffrey Rivallonidis.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MSS. Lat. 5441 [2], fo. 403 ; 12878, fo. 279, 281 (copies ; the second with variants in the *signa*).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1201, 1203 (calendared).]

The date is given in the document.

146. Confirmation by William I to St. Martin of Marmoutier, Tours. 1082

Of a grant, by Robert Count of Mortain, of the land of Heauville, witnessed by Robert fitz Osbern and Ragnulf Avenel. June 24. Oissel.

Signa : Earl Roger ; King William ; Robert Count of the Normans, the King's son ; Count W[illiam], the King's son ; Robert Count of Mortain ; Countess M[atilda] ; G. [? Guillelmus], son of the Count.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MSS. Lat. 5441 [2], fo. 197 ; 12878, fo. 276 (copies).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1204 (calendared).]

'Hec carta a prelato rege supradictisque principibus confirmata fuit apud Oscellum anno ab Incarnatione Domini MLXXXII die natalis Sancti Johannis.'

146a. Record of a suit, determined in the presence of William I, in the year of the Incarnation 1082, the fifth indiction, the nones of September, in the vill called Oxcessus, near the house of William, in the presence of Abp. William of Rouen and Abbot Gilbert of St. Wandrille. Sept. 5, 1082. 'Oxcessus Villa.'

St. Wandrille claimed to be free from all claims of bishops and archdeacons in respect of the four churches of Caudebec, St. Gertrude, Resentium, and St. Michael. A dispute arose between Abp. William and Abbot Gilbert, owing to the blunder of a certain monk of St. Wandrille, who in his ignorance converted the ordeal-iron (*ferrum iudicii*) of the monastery to other uses. The abbot asked the Abp. to consecrate another iron. The Abp., doubting whether the monastery was entitled to possess an ordeal-iron, refused the request. The matter long remained in dispute until it was brought before the King. Then the Abbot proved that his house had from old the right of the ordeal in

the four churches aforesaid, and freedom from every exaction of the archbishop and archdeacons.

Witnesses: Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Gilbert Bp. of Évreux; William Bp. of Durham; William Abbot of Fécamp; Guntard Abbot of Jumièges; Anselm Abbot of Bec; Walter [Abbot] of the Holy Trinity, Rouen; Fulco [Abbot] of St. Pierre sur Dives; the following clerks, Benedict of Rouen, Samson of Bayeux, Walter fitz Goter, Robert, Bernard fitz Ospac; William fitz Suen: the following laymen, William Count of Évreux, Hugh [Earl] of Chester, Roger de Beaumont, his sons Robert Count of Meulan and Henry, Engelran fitz Robert, William Crispin, Robert de Veteri Ponte, William de Toue (*sic*), Norman Primas, Heltus fitz Alcher, his brother Ralph, Roger Bigot, and many others.

['From an old MS. of St. Wandrille.'
La Roque, *Maison d'Harcourt*, iv. 1327.]

1082 Downton [co. Wilts.].

147. Grant by William, 'dei misericordia Anglorum rex, Normannorum Cenomannensiumque princeps,' to the church of St. Calais, at the prayer of William Bp. of Durham, and of Samson, the treasurer of Bayeux and chaplain of the King.

Granting the two carucates which William Bp. of Durham used to hold in Lindsey, in the vill of Covenham; this for the souls of the King, Queen Matilda, and their kin.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count Robert, the King's son; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; William Bp. of Durham; Samson, the treasurer of Bayeux; Hugo, dean of Le Mans; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Odo Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent; Henry, the King's son; Walchelin, Bp. of Winchester; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Count Alan; Henry de Ferrers; William de Braose; Maurice the Chancellor, archdeacon of Le Mans; William of Warenne; Robert Malet; Rahel fitz Alured; Baldwin son of Count Gilbert.

[Pat. Roll, 31 Ed. I, m. 17 (copy).
Calendar Pat. Rolls, 31 Ed. I, p. 150; *Monasticon*, vii. 993 (incorrectly).]

'Hec carta facta est et confirmata apud villam Dontonam anno ab incarnacione domini M̄ octogesimo secundo, indictione v°, Epact. xviij, Conc. v: evic. Lunae xvi, anno xvi regni Willelmi.'

This grant is attested by *D. B.* i. 340 *b*: 'In Covenham habebat Esbern duas carucatas terre et dimidiam ad geldum. Terra ad tres carucas et sex boves. Nunc de episcopo habet Sanctus Karilephus ibi duas carucas et dimidiam,' &c.

1082 London 'in concilio'.

148. *Charter (spurious) by William Bp. of Durham.

Issued at a Council in London, before King William, in the year 1082. Relates how Gregory VII allowed Bp. William to bring the monks of Wearmouth and Jarrow to Durham 'quia Episcopatus parvitas ad tria non sufficeret monachorum coenobia'; and how the Pope confirmed the see in all its possessions, namely in the churches of Hexham and Lindisfarne, the whole diocese between the Tweed and Tyne, Waltham, Howden, and all other possessions of the see. 'In quibus omnibus sanctus Cuthbertus et ejus Episcopus omnes dignitates et libertates quae ad Regis coronam pertinent, ab omni servicio et inquietudine imperpetuum liberas . . . possideret.' The Bishop then relates his own grants to the Prior and monks. All these provisions the King ratified at the desire of the Pope; he also confirmed the laws of St. Cuthbert as fully as they had been enjoyed under any previous king. A list of the King's gifts and of private benefactions follows.

Witnesses: Lanfranc, Primate of all England, Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux, the King's brother; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; William Bp. of London; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Hermann Bp. of Sherborne; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Walter Bp. of Hereford;

Giso Bp. of Wells; Remigius Bp. of Dorcester or Lincoln (*sic*); Herfast Bp. of Elmham or Norwich[1] (*sic*); Stigand Bp. of Selsey; Osbern Bp. of Exeter; Peter Bp. of Lichfield; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Scotland Abbot of St. Augustine's; Ælsi Abbot of Bath; Edmund Abbot of Pershore; Vitalis Abbot of Westminster; Ægelwin Abbot of Evesham; Paul Abbot of St. Albans; Turold Abbot of Peterborough; Robert Count of Mortain; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Robert Earl of Northumbria; Roger Bigod; Urso of Abetot, the sheriff; Richard de Curci; William de Redvers; Robert the Dispenser; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Robert de Montfort; Robert fitz Gerald; Turald de Papileon'; Morkar; Roger; Siward Barn; Wulnot, cousin of King Harold; Alan de Lincoln; Maurice the Chaplain; William the Chaplain; Robert the Chaplain.

[Durham Cath. Treasury I. 1. Pont. B. 1 (pretended original); Cartularium I, fo. 70 (copy); Dugdale MS. No. 39, fo. 141 (abstract).
Raine's *Hist. Dunelm. Script. Tres*, Appendix I.]

The witnesses alone are sufficient to prove that this is spurious. Several of them were dead by the time that William received the see.

[1] See of Thetford removed to Norwich after 1091.

149. Charter by William I, 'Anglorum rex, Normannorum atque Cenomannensium princeps,' and his wife Queen Matilda, daughter of Baldwin Duke of the Flemings, and niece of Henry [I] King of the French, to the Abbey of the Holy Trinity at Caen. 1082.

The manors of Felsted [Essex], Minchin Hampton [co. Gloucester], Pinbury [in Duntesbourne, co. Gloucester] and Tarrant [Launston, co. Dorset], with their appurtenances, as quit as they were the day that King Edward was alive and dead.

Signa: William King of the English; Robert Count of Mortain; Lanfranc the Abp.; Matilda the Queen; Count Robert, the King's son; Geoffrey Bp. [of Coutances]; Gonstard; Walchelin the Bishop; Henry, the King's son; Count William, the King's son; William de Braose; Stigand the Bishop [of Chichester]; Count Alan; William de Warenne; Henry de Ferrers; Edward the sheriff; Hugo de Port; Roger Bigot; Hugh Earl of Chester; Roger Earl of Montgomeri.

[Copies in Bibl. Nat., Paris, MSS. Lat. 5650, fo. 17; Charter Roll, 35 Ed. III, m. 4.
Round, *C. D. F.* 422 (calendared).]

Dating clause 'anno ab incarnatione domini MLXXXII. Indictione V. . .'. For the manor of Felsted see *D. B.* ii. 21 *b*; Pinbury and Minchinhampton, ib. i. 166 *b*; Tarrant, ib. i. 79.

150. Charter by William I, 'Anglorum rex, Northmannorum et Cenomannensium princeps,' and Matilda his wife to the Abbey of the Holy Trinity at Caen. 1082.

Granting the vills of Calnz, Oistrehan, Calfur, &c.

Signa: King William; Matilda his wife; Abp. Lanfranc; William Abp. of Rouen; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Gilbert Bp. of Évreux; Count Robert, the King's son; Count William, the King's son; Henry, the King's son; Count Robert of Mortain; Baldwin, son of Count Gilbert; Count Alan; Earl Roger of Montgomeri; William de Warenne; Gilbert Crispin; Robert Bertrann; Henry de Ferrers; Roger de Beaumont; Hugh Earl of Chester; Richard fitz Herluin; Roger of Ivri, *Pincerna*; Count Robert of Beaumont; Count William of Evreux; Hugo, *Pincerna*; Fulco de Alnou; Ralph the *Vicomte*; William 'qui dicitur Caritas'; William de Gornai; Ralph de Toeni; William de Breteuil; Girard de Gornai; William fitz Ralph, *Camerarius*; Eudo the *Vicomte*; Richard de —[1].

[1] This name only in D'Achery and *Neustria Pia*.

[*Gallia Christiana*, ix, Instrumenta, col. 68; D'Achéry, *Lanfranci Opera* (1648), Introd. p. 38; *Neustria Pia*, p. 658.]

Dated 'Anno ab Incarnatione Domini MLXXXII, indictione V, apostolicae sedis cathedram possidente papa Gregorio VII, regni mei XVI anno, in Francia regnante Philippo, Romanis in partibus imperiali iure dominante Henrico'.

[1082.] **151.** Mandate by William I to Abp. Lanfranc [MS. Tit. adds 'and Gosfrid'].

That the consecration of [Simeon] the Abbot of Ely, which Remigius the Bishop [of Lincoln] claims, is to be postponed till the King has seen the evidence in the Bishop's favour. The mill built by Picot at Cambridge shall be destroyed if it injures the other. Let what pertains to Christian religion be done in the abbey. Bp. Remigius may have his customary dues of wine if he can prove that his ancestors had them in the time of King Edward.

[Copies in Liber Eliensis (Ely), II. cxxvii; B. M. MS. Cott. Tit. A. I. 28; Tib. A.VI, fo. 107; also in MSS. Trin. Coll. Camb. O. 2. 1 and O. 2. 41.

James Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), Appendix 11* (No. 9); *Liber Eliensis* (1848), p. 260; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 28; *Inq. Com. Cant.*, pp. xxi–xxii.]

Picot had in 1086 three mills at Cambridge 'qui auferunt pasturam et plures domos destruunt'. The Abbot of Ely had a fourth mill there (*D. B.* i. 189).

Abbot Simeon was appointed in 1082 (Annales de Wintonia, p. 33, ed. Luard).

[1082.] **152.** Precept by William I to Abp. Lanfranc.

To inspect the charters of [Simeon] the Abbot of Ely; and if they say that the Abbot ought to be consecrated wherever the King pleases, then consecrate him. To make those repair the causeway at Ely who are wont to do so. To inquire, through the Bishop of Coutances and Bishop Walkelin and the rest, who caused the lands of St. Etheldritha to be enrolled and sworn, how they were sworn, by whom, before what witnesses, and what are the lands and their names and size and who hold them. Let the King know the truth by letter by the hand of the Abbot's messenger.

[Copies in Liber Eliensis (Ely), II. cxxv; Cotton MS. Titus A. I, fo. 27 *b*; Tiber. A. VI, fo. 106 *b*. Also in Trin. Coll. Camb. MSS. O. 2. 1 and O. 2. 41.

Liber Eliensis, p. 259 (Anglia Christ. Soc.); reprinted Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 27; Jas. Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), Appendix 11* (No. 7); *Inq. Com. Cant.*, p. xxi; Hall, *Formula Book of Legal Records*, p. 24.]

J. H. Round, *Feudal England*, p. 133, dates 1086 or 1087, but it relates to Abbot Simeon's consecration.

[1082.] **153.** Precept by William I to Abp. Lanfranc, Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances, and Count Robert of Mortain.

That [Simeon] the Abbot of Ely have his benediction forthwith and his lands and customs, as the King has frequently commanded by his letters. Whatever part of his demesne the Abbot acquires by legal process, he is to alienate it to no one without the royal licence. 'Et sede placitorum ei facite rectum defendentes ut nullus eius incidat siluas.' The Abbot is to have his fortified house in Norwich, and his men may be there when they have need.

Witness: Roger de Ivri [MSS. Lureio].

[Copies in Liber Eliensis (at Ely), II. cxxvi; B. M. MS. Cott. Titus A. I. 28; Tiber. A.VI, fo. 107. Also in MSS. Trin. Coll. Camb. O. 2. 1, O. 2. 41.

Jas. Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 11* (No. 8); *Liber Eliensis* (1848), 259; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 28.]

For the abbot's house in Norwich see *D. B.* ii. 117.

[1082.] **154.** Precept by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances and Robert Count of Mortain.

Do not let Bishop Remigius claim new customs in the isle of Ely. If Remigius wishes to go to law about this, let him plead as he would have done in the days of King Edward, and let the plea take place in your presence. Let Abbot Simeon be quit of the ward of Norwich; 'sed ibi munitionem suam conduci faciat et custodiri.' Stay the proceedings in the claims of William of Ou, and Ralph fitz Waleran and Robert Gernon, unless they are

willing to plead as they would have done in the days of King Edward, and as the Abbot had his customs then. It is the King's will that the Abbot shall have all the customs which he can prove by his witnesses and by his charters.

[Copies in Ely: Liber Eliensis, II. cxxiv; Cotton MS. Titus A. I, fo. 27 *b*; Tiber. A. VI, fo. 105 *b*. Also in Trin. Coll. Camb. MSS. O. 2. 1, and O. 2. 41.
Liber Eliensis, 258 (Anglia Christ. Soc.); Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 27; Jas. Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 10* (No. 6); *Inq. Com. Cant.* p. xx.]

155. Precept by William I to Abp. Lanfranc, Robert Count of Mortain, and Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances. [1082.]

To assemble again all the shires which were present at the plea respecting the lands of Ely Abbey, before the Queen came last to Normandy. Let there also be present those of the King's barons who can conveniently attend, and who were present at the aforesaid plea, and who hold lands of the said church. 'Quibus in unum congregatis eligantur plures de illis Anglis qui sciunt quomodo terrae jacebant praefatae ecclesiae die qua rex Edwardus obiit et quod inde dixerint ibidem jurando testentur.' When this has been done let the church have back the lands which were in its demesne on the day of Edward's death, excepting those which men claim by grant from the King. Of these a list is to be sent to the King. Those who hold theinlands which beyond doubt ought to be held of the church must make the best terms they can with the church; otherwise it is to have back their lands. The same is to be done with those holding sac and soc. Lastly, those men are to maintain the causeway at Ely who by the King's command have done so hitherto.

[Copies in Liber Eliensis (Ely), II. cxx; Cotton MS. Titus A. I, fo. 27; Tiber. A. VI, fo. 105 *b*; Trin. Coll. Camb. MSS. O. 2. 1, fo. 92; O. 2. 41, fo. 104.
Liber Eliensis, p. 256 (Anglia Christ. Soc.); reprinted in Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 24; Jas. Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 10* (No. 2); *Monasticon*, i. 478; *Inquis. Com. Cant.*, p. xviii.]

156. Precept by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances. [1082.]

To cause the Abbot of Ely to be reseised of the following lands held by the following men:—the manor of Bercheam held by Hugo de Montfort; Brochesheue held by Richard, son of Earl Gilbert; Empintona held by Picot the sheriff; three hides held by Hugh de Berners; one hide held by Bp. Remigius; two hides held by the Bp. of Bayeux; one manor held by Frodo the brother of the Abbot; one hide and three virgates held by two carpenters. Provided that the Abbot can prove these lands to belong to the demesne of his church, and that the said tenants cannot show that they hold by gift from the King. The Abbot is to have his sac and soc and other customs as on the day when King Edward was alive and dead.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Tiber. A. IV, fo. 106; Trin. Coll. Camb. O. 2. 1, O. 2. 41; Cotton Titus A. I, fo. 27 v°.]
Inq. Com. Cant. pp. xix–xx; Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 10* (No. 4); *Liber Eliensis* (1848), pp. 257–8; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 26.]
For Bercheam (co. Suffolk) see *D. B.* ii. 383 *b*, where it is entered as belonging to Ely. Brochesheue may be identical with Broccheshenot (co. Essex) held by Ely in 1086 (*D. B.* ii. 18 *b*).

157. Precept by William I to Abp. Lanfranc, Bp. Gosfrid of Coutances, and Count Robert of Mortain. [1082.]

That they shall cause Simeon the Abbot [of Ely] to have sac and soc of five hundreds of Suffolk as his predecessor had in the time of King Edward. The Abbot is to lose none of his rights unjustly but hold them with great honour.

[Copies in Liber Eliensis (Ely), II. cxxiii; London, B.M. Cotton MS. Titus A. I. 27 *b*; Tiber. A. VI. 104 *b*. Also in Trin. Coll. Camb. MSS. O. 2. 1; O. 2. 41.
Jas. Bentham, *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 10* (No. 5); *Liber Eliensis* (1848), p. 258; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 26; *Inq. Com. Cant.* p. xx.]

[c. 1082.] **158.** Charter by William I to the Abbey of St. Florent, Saumur.

Granting one carucate of land in the vill of Ceaux and two villeins and two saltpans; to be held as freely as the endowments of the Holy Trinity of Fécamp and St. Stephen of Caen. This the King does for his own salvation, and for that of his wife Matilda and their sons, at the prayer of William, son of Rivallon of Dol, Abbot of St. Florent, and of his brother John, a monk in the said house.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count Robert, the King's son; William, the King's son; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Maurice the Chancellor; Samson, the King's chaplain; Roger of Montgomeri; Osbert Gisfard.

[Livre Blanc de St. Florent (Archives of Maine-et-Loire), fo. 96 v° (copy).
Mémoires de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie, xxx. 674; Round, *C. D. F.* 1116 (calendared).]

'Anno incarnationis millesimo nonagesimo secundo concessit Guillelmus [II] rex predicto sancto hec desuper scripta.'

This gift was certainly made before Dec. 26, 1083, when an agreement relating to it was concluded between the monks of St. Florent and Mont St. Michel (Round, *C. D. F.* 1117).

1082. **159.** *Charter (spurious) relating the foundation of a priory for canons in the castle of Mortain, by Robert of Mortain. A long account of gifts and privileges is given.

Witnesses: King William; Count Robert; Countess Matilda; Count William; Count Roger de Beaumont; Earl Roger [of Montgomeri]; William Abp. [of Rouen]: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux.

[From a vidimus by Philip of Valois in 1330.
Mémoires de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie, 2e série, vol. vii, p. 332.]

[1066–82.] **160.** Notification by William I to Ægelnoth Abbot [of Glastonbury] and Tofig the sheriff, and the barons of Somerset.

That he has granted the vill of Winsham [co. Somerset] to the church of Wells for the use of the canons, at the prayer of Bp. Giso.

[Copies in Wells Cathedral, Liber Albus, i, fo. 49; Harl. MS. 6968, fo. 60.
Hist. MSS. Comm., *Tenth Rep.*, App. III; *Wells Cathedral*, p. 29 (noticed); *Calendar of MSS. of Dean and Chapter of Wells*, i. 57 (noticed); *Monasticon*, ii. 288.]

Some uncertainty about the date of Ægelnoth's deposition (cf. No. 137). But it occurred not later than 1082. For Winsham see *D. B.* i. 89 *b*: 'Osmundus tenet de episcopo Winesham. Elsi tenuit T. R. E.'

[1067–82.] **161.** Letter by William I to his wife Matilda.

Notifying her that he grants to St. Martin of Marmoutier, quit of all dues, the church of St. Mary of Puix with its allod, as Hilgo the priest held it on the day when he died. The land of St. Martin in Normandy is to be free from taxes and forest-dues. The queen is to direct Hugolin of Cherbourg to interfere no more therein.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MSS. Lat. 12878, fo. 236 *d* (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1175 (calendared).]

[1070–82.] **162.** Precept by William I to W[alchelin] the Bp. and O.[1] the sheriff, and all of Surrey.

That St. Peter and the monks of Westminster are to have the manors of Battersea and Wandsworth and Piriford, with sac and soc, toll and team and *latrocinium*, as Earl Harold held them on the day when King Edward was alive and dead.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Richard, son of Count Gilbert (MS. Comite fil' Gisl'); Roger Earl of M[ontgomeri].

[1] Probably an error for 'R[alph]'; this misreading occurs in the 'Domesday' copy of the Westminster charter of 1087.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 168 (copy).]
Wandsworth is entered in *D.B.* (i. 32) as a member of the manor of Battersea. Cf. *infra*, No. 164.

163. Notification by William I to Sweyn the sheriff, and all of Essex. [1070–82.]
That he has given and granted to St. Peter and the monks of Westminster the manor of Fering with all its lands, berewicks and appurtenances, and the socmen who cannot depart thence with their lands; and with three houses in Colchester which belong to this manor: to be held as freely as Earl Harold held on the day when King Edward was alive and dead, and as King William himself held afterwards. This William has given, by the advice of his barons, in exchange for Windsor; and Fering is to be held by the monks with all the liberties which formerly pertained to Windsor.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. [of Coutances]; Count Robert; Earl Roger and many others.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 244 (copy).]
See the notes on the earlier charter relating to this manor (No. 87). The Domesday survey (ii. 14 *b*) mentions *two* houses in Colchester, and twelve socmen who were not free to depart. Nothing however is said about the liberties pertaining to Windsor.

164. Notification by William I to all of Surrey. [1070–82.]
That he has confirmed to St. Peter and the monks of Westminster, in augmentation of their diet (*ad victuale subsidium*), the manors of Battersea, Wandsworth, and Piriford; with sac and soc, toll and team and *latrocinium*, ut-leap (*emissione*) and hamsocn and forsteal and grith-breach and flymenafirmth, and all royal customs, as Earl Harold held them on the day when King Edward was alive and dead. The lands and men of these manors are to be free from castle-work and all pleas and plaints.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 168 (copy).]
See the notes on the other charters relating to these manors.

165. Charter by William I to St. Martin of Marmoutier, Tours. [1071–82.]
Of the church of St. George at Bohun, as given by Humfrey de Bohun; that is, the prebends of four canons and the fee of one knight, Serlo, which the brethren have bought. As the canons die they are to be replaced by monks, according to the condition which Humphrey made.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Robert, the King's son; William, the King's son[1]; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Roger de Montgomeri; Richard fitz Turstin.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MSS. Lat. 5441 (2), fo. 28; 12878, fo. 235; 12880, No. 325 (copies).
Stapleton, *Magni Rotuli Scaccarii Normanniae*, ii, p. xxiii; Round, *C. D. F.* 1211 (calendared).]

[1] So Stapleton. Round's texts do not give this name.

166. Notification by William I to L[anfranc] Abp. [of Canterbury] and O[do] Bp. of Bayeux and all of England. [1076–82.]
That Abbot Vitalis and St. Peter's, Westminster, are to have their hunting in the wood which pertains to Battersea, and the tithe of the two hundred horses near the church and land of Celintona, held by Boselin de Diva; and the house of the said Boso (*sic*) and the house of Osbern the chamberlain, in London; and Wic [Wick, by Pershore], as given by King Edward, and the tithe of all that the King holds in Wic [Droitwich]; and soc and sac, and all customs and thieves (*latrones*) as King Edward and William himself granted and confirmed.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 168 (copy).]
Celintona. Perhaps the reference is to Kingston, where the king had brood mares, *silvaticas equas* (*D. B.* i. 36). For Wick and Droitwich see *D. B.* i. 174 *b* and *V. C. H. Worcestershire*, i. 300, 302; the abbey had the tithe from the King's land in Droitwich, to the value of £8.

[1078–82.] **167.** *Charter (spurious) by William I to God and St. Peter of Gloucester.

Confirming to them the manors of Barnwood; of Rudford; Ham with the wood adjacent; Brampton with a fishery in the Wye; a church in the King's market at Norwich; two essarts with the adjacent meadows, and a little wood, in Chelworth; the right of warren through all their lands; and the right of taking sturgeon and other fish in the Severn where it touches their land. All this 'in puram et perpetuam elemosinam'.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; T[homas] Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; William, the King's son.

[Gloucester Cartulary (P. R. O.), fo. 180 (copy).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Gloucest. ii. 186.]

The form of this charter is wholly irregular, and it is written in a different hand from that of the body of the cartulary. It must, in its present form, be treated as spurious. In form it is closely related to No. 180.

[1079–82.] **168.** Charter by William I to St. Stephen of Caen.

Confirming grants by Roger of Montgomery, Rainard the King's chamberlain, Serlo de Lingevrio and Hugo de Rosel.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Robert, the King's son; William, the King's son; Henry, the King's son; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; William Abp. of Rouen; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Robert Bp. of Séez; Roger Earl of Montgomery; Robert Count of Mortain; William Count of Evreux; Roger de Beaumont; Robert Count of Meulan; Robert de Belesme; Henry de Beaumont; Hugo de Montfort; Robert Bertrannus; William Bertrannus; Richard fitz Turstin; Ranulf the *vicomte*; Earl Hugo; Eudo the *vicomte*; Robert Mowbray Earl [of Northumberland]; Ingilramn fitz Ilbert; Rolf, son of Ansered; William Goit; Rainard; Hugo, son of Hugo de Rosel; Serlo de Lingevrio; Corbel the chamberlain, son of Rainard; William the canon, son of Suen; Bernard, son of Ospac; Rolf, son of Herfred.

[Pancarte in 'Archives du Calvados, fonds de Saint-Étienne de Caen'.
Delisle, *Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte*, Pièces Justif., No. 39, p. 43 (incomplete); *Gallia Christiana*. xi, Instrumenta, col. 72; *Monasticon*, vii. 1071. Cf. Deville, *Notices*, iv. 7. 10.]

If Robert Mowbray is not styled earl by anticipation, this is later than 1080.

[1079–82.] **169.** Charter by Odo of Bayeux to St. Stephen of Caen.

'In qua continentur ea quae concedente capitulo Bajocensi tradit caenobio Cadomensi quorum possessionem habebat ante dedicationem ecclesiae vel ipsa die qua consecrata est.'

Signa: 'Hanc cartam firmaverunt Willelmus Rex Anglorum, Princeps Normannorum et Cenomannorum; Willelmus Rothomagensis Archiepiscopus; Odo Bajocensis episcopus; Matildis regina Anglorum et comitissa Normannorum et Cenomannorum; Willelmus abbas Fiscanni; Robertus comes, Regis filius; Ricardus filius Gisleberti comitis; Robertus de Bello monte; Hugo de Grentemaisnil; Henricus de Ferrières.'

[MS. 1656 Bibl. St. Geneviève, Paris, fo. 4 (abstract only).
Deville, *Notices*, iv. 8.]

[1079–82.] **170.** Charter by William I to St. Stephen of Caen.

'De emptionibus abbatum Lanfranci, Willermis, Gisleberti.' A list of these is given. 'Has quippe ampliones (*sic*) fecerunt praedicti abbates consensu et consilio meo, quas ego manu mea confirmo et auctoritate corroboro, presentibus et concedentibus meis, quorum nomina haec subjecta in margine continentur.'

Signa: Willelmus rex; Mathildis regina; Willelmus archiepiscopus; Robertus comes, filius regis; Henricus filius regis; Lanfrancus archiepiscopus; Odo Bajocensis episcopus; Gislebertus Luxoviensis episcopus; Gislebertus Ebroicensis episcopus; Robertus Sagiensis episcopus; Michael Abrincensis episcopus; Gauffridus Constantiensis episcopus; Rogerius

comes de Montegomerico; Robertus comes de Moretonio; Hugo Comes; Rogerius de Bellomonte; Robertus comes de Mellent; Willelmus de Breteueil; Hugo de Gornaico; Hugo de Monteforti; Walterius Gifardus; Henricus de Ferrariis; Willelmus comes Ebroicensis; Robertus de Belesme; Hugo de Grentemaisnil; Willelmus Bertrannus; Ingilrannus filius Ilberti; Robertus de Moubrai; Robertus Aucensis comes.

[Archives du Calvados (original; defaced); MS. 1656 Bibl. St. Geneviève, Paris, fo. 9 (abstract only).
D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, i. 269 (abstract); Deville, *Notices*, iv. 11 (abstract).]

171. Charter by William I, King of the English, Prince of the Normans and men of Maine, to St. Stephen's of Caen. 1079–82.

Granting the church of St. Ouen de Viteriis, the land of Osbern Masculus, and that which Gerald the Marshal holds of the King in the territory of Caen, and half the church of St. Michael as given by Ralph the Priest and confirmed by Hugo de Grentemaisnil.

Signa: King William; Robert, the King's son; Henry, the King's son (*om.* Dodsworth); William Abp. [of Rouen]; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Robert Bp. of Séez; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury]; Robert Count of Mortain; Robert Count of Meulan; Hugh Earl [of Chester]; William of Breteuil; Roger Bigod; Richard de Courci; Robert de Mowbray; Eudo fitz Hubert; Ralph de Toeni; Hugh de Gournay; Henry de Ferrars; Walter Giffard; William Crispin.

[Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 147. fo. 30 (transcript from a Cartulary of St. Stephen of Caen); Bibl. St. Geneviève, Paris, MS. 1656 (abstract).
Deville, *Notices*, iv. 7 (from St. Geneviève MS.); *Monasticon*, vii. 1071 (incomplete).]

172. Confirmation by William I to the Abbey of Troarn. [1079–82.]

Of the grants made by Roger of Montgomery for the soul of his wife Mabel lately deceased.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Robert Count of the Normans; William his brother; Roger Earl [of Shrewsbury]; Robert [of Bellême] his son; Hugh, Roger, Philip, Arnulf [sons of Earl Roger]; William Abp. [of Rouen]; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Gilbert Bp. of Évreux; Robert Bp. of Séez; Michael Bp. of Avranches; Roger of Beaumont, *vicecomes*; Robert Count of Mortain; William Abbot of Fécamp; Girbert Abbot [of St. Wandrille]; Nicholas Abbot of St. Ouen; Guntard Abbot of Jumièges; Mainer Abbot of St. Evroul; Fulco Abbot of Dive; Robert Abbot of Séez; [Gilbert] Abbot of Caen; William Abbot of Cormeilles; Deodatus Abbot of Fontenay; Anselm Abbot of Bec; Osbert Abbot of Bernai.

[Cartulary of Troarn (Archives du Calvados), fo. 2 (copy). Also a separate copy (vellum) in same archives.
Round, *C. D. F.* 465 (calendared). Sauvage, *Troarn*, p. 352.]

This charter was granted during the brief reconciliation of the Conqueror with Robert Courthose. It is not earlier than Sept. 9, 1079, which is the date of the death of John Abp. of Rouen. Robert Bp. of Séez died in 1082. Probably this charter was granted towards the close of 1079 at Rouen. We know that several councils were held there at that date, to arrange the reconciliation with Robert Courthose, and Orderic mentions Earl Roger and Roger of Beaumont among those who were present (ii. 388). On the date of Mabel's death see note to No. 97.

173. Confirmation by William I to the Abbey of Troarn. [1079–82.]

Confirming the gift which Herbert, son of Geoffrey, made 'for the soul of Count Robert the Great and his son William King of the English, his lord, and his son Robert the second, then for the weal of his lord Roger [de Beaumont] to whom these things belong', &c.

Signa: King William; Matilda the Queen; Count Robert; William; William the Abp. [of Rouen]; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Roger de Beaumont; Robert and Henry his sons; Herbert de Spineta; Matilda his sister; Richard his son; Bp. Gilbert; Count Roger; Robert his son.

[Cartulary of Troarn (Archives du Calvados), fo. 116 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 466 (calendared).]
On the date of this charter see the note to No. 172.

[1080–2.] 'In concilio Lundoniensi' Westminster.

174. *Notification (spurious) by William I, 'rex Angliae' generally addressed. The secular canons of St. Cuthbert's, Durham, are to be replaced by monks: the priors are to have the same precedence as deans. The gifts of Bp. William are confirmed. Restitution is made of the vill of Billingham and land in Notts., to wit in Normanton, Bunigtun, Kinestan, and Gatham.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Vitalis Abbot of Westminster; Urso de Abetot.

[Pretended original in 1ma 1^{mae} Regalium, No. 11 (at Durham); copy in Confirmation Roll 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 1.
Feodarium Priorat. Dunelm. (Surtees, 1872), lxix–lxxi.]
See the remarks of the Rev. W. Greenwell in *Feodar. Priorat. Dunelm.* (Preface). Dated 'anno regni mei xviij°'; but this is incompatible with Odo's appearance as witness.

[1070–82.] Windsor.

175. Notification by William I to Abp. Lanfranc, Haimo[1] the sheriff of Kent, Hugo de Montfort and all the barons of Kent, French and English.

All the tithes which the men of Odo, Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent, gave to the monks of St. Augustine have been given with the King's licence and consent. Wherefore St. Augustine and the monks are to hold them for ever.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Count Robert; Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury].

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 65; Cotton MS. Julius D. II. fo. 99; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, m. 29; Charter Roll, 8 Hen. IV, No. 1; Pat. Roll, 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 5.
Calendar of Patent Rolls, 4 Ed. IV, p. 403; *Hist. Mon. S. Aug. Cant.*, p. 351 (incorrectly); *D. K. R.* xxix, App., p. 32 (calendared).]

[1] This name is supplied by Cotton Julius D. II, *u. s.*

[1070–82.]

176. Notification by William I to his brother Odo Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent, and to Hamo the sheriff, and all the lieges of Kent.

That he grants to Abp. Lanfranc all the customs which his predecessors enjoyed in the church of Newington; and in those of St. Martin of Dover and Sheppey. 'Quia volo ut ipse Lanfrancus et mater nostra ecclesia Christi honorifice teneat et habeat omnia que iuste habere debet et sui iuris sunt.'

[Copies in Canterbury, Dean and Chapter Reg. I, fo. 60; Reg. E, fo. 18; Cotton MS. Cleopatra E. 1, fo. 93 (Cotton transcript). Also cf. Stowe MS. 924, fo. 102 v° (abstract only).]
Cf. *D. B.* fo. 14 *b* (Newington), 'Archiepiscopus inde habet vi libras.'

[1070–82.]

177. Notification by William I to Abp. Lanfranc, &c.

That he has granted, to St. Benedict and Abbot Ailsi of Ramsey, sac and soc, toll and team, and infangthief and wreck at Ringstead and Brancaster, with all the customs that the King can have there. And the said Abbot is to hold his abbey as freely as King Edward gave it to Abbot Alfwin. And if any one has taken land from the abbacy since the King's coronation, it is to be restored, if he cannot prove that it was given him by the chapter.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; William of Warenne; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Ivo Taillebois.

[P. R. O. Ramsey Cart. fo. 54.
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 233.]
For the Confessor's confirmation of Brancaster to Ramsey see *Ramsey Cart.* ii. 72; grant of Ringstead mentioned, ib. iii. 173.

[1070–83.] London.

178. *Charter (spurious, with inflated preamble) by William I; addressed 'viris tam ecclesiasticis quam suis comitibus baronibusque atque ministris omnibus'.

Confirming to Abbot Benedict and Selby Abbey certain lands and gifts of Abp. Thomas, Geoffrey de la Wirchi, and Guy de Rannecurt; and granting Selby from the King's own demesne (*de propria mea mensa*); and giving the abbey its own court with sac and soc and infangthief and all the customs possessed by the church of St. Peter at York.

Signa: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Edward of Salisbury; Hugh de Port; Hugh de Montfort; Robert de Oilli; Richard, son of Count Gilbert; Baldwin his brother; Remigius Bp. [of Lincoln]; Ralph Taillebois; Robert de Tany; Geoffrey de la Wirchi; 'et totius curiae regis.'

[Copies in Selby Cartulary (Brooke), lf. 11; Charter Rolls, 12 Ed. II, No. 26; 2 Ed. III, m. 21, No. 77; Conf. Roll, 2 Hen. VII, pt. iii, m. 4; Bodl., Dodsworth MS. 118, fo. 1 (transcript).
J. T. Fowler, *Selby Coucher Book*, i. 11, 31–2 (inspex.), 38 (inspex.), 90 (inspex.), 92 (inspex.), 94 (inspex.); *Monasticon*, iii. 499.]

This has all the marks of a forgery. But the editors of the *Monasticon* are wrong in stating that Selby Abbey is unknown to the compilers of Domesday. One of the gifts of Geoffrey de la Wirchi, according to this charter, is Crowle in Lincolnshire. This is entered among the Lindsey estates of Geoffrey with the note: 'nunc quidem abbas de S. Germano de Salebi habet de Goisfrido' (i. 369 *b*).

179. Notification by William I to Abp. Lanfranc and Odo Bp. of Bayeux. [1070–83.]
The King grants that St. Peter of Cluny shall have the land which William de Warenne and his wife grant, to wit, Falmer [co. Sussex].

[Cluny, Bibl. de la Ville, Cartulaire de Cluny, No. 6 (copy).
Chartes de l'abbaye de Cluny, iv (1888), 689.]

On Falmer see *D. B.* i. 26: 'Sanctus Pancratius tenet de Willelmo [de Warenne] Falemere. Abbatia de Wiltuna tenuit T. R. E. et in die eius fuit saisita.'

180. Notification by William. [1072–83.]
That, at the prayer of Abbot Serlo of Gloucester and some of his *optimates*, he has confirmed to St. Peter of Gloucester, amongst other things, his manor of Brampton, with the right of fishing in the Wye, and with the land as far as the Wye, &c. All the above the monks of Gloucester are to have in pure and perpetual alms.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; William, the King's son, &c.

['From the Llanthony Chronicles at Hom Lacy.'
Duncumb, *Hereford*, ii. 239.]

Obviously a fabrication or else a clumsy abstract. The donation is mentioned in the *Historia Mon. S. Petri Gloucest.* p. 67; and in William's spurious charter (*Cart.* ii. 186) calendared above (No. 167). Probably Duncumb is merely excerpting from this charter.

181. *Notification (spurious) by William I to Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester] [1075–83.]
and Hugo Bp. [of London], and Ralph Baynard, and Ranulf, and Gosfrid, the sheriffs, and all the barons of Surrey and Essex.

That he has confirmed to the Abbot and monks of Westminster those four hides in Tooting which Sweyn gave to them, and which Ailnod of London, his nephew, now holds; and also the land in London and the mill of Stratford with which the said Ailnod endowed them.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Robert Count of Mortain; William fitz Osbern. Valete.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 520 v° (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 128.]

Armitage Robinson, *u. s.*, argues that these attestations 'must be regarded as recited in the writ, which is not itself attested, but ends with *Valete*'. Such a form would be unprecedented. The charter is a clumsy forgery. Ailnod's grant to Westminster of the land at Tooting is mentioned in Domesday Book under Tooting (i. 32 *b*).

182. Confirmation by William, 'Anglorum rex, Normannorum et Ceno- 1083
mannorum princeps,' to the Holy Trinity of Caen. July 18.
Of a part of the *bourg* of Caen which he had previously given to that

house, to settle a dispute which the nuns had with the monks of St. Stephen, in connexion with the church of St. Nicholas.

Witnesses: Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux: Michael Bp. of Avranches; Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmund's; Odo the Chaplain; Geoffrey; Robert Count of Mortain; Robert de Bellême; Osbern Gifard; Hubert de Port; Geoffrey, son of Albereda.

'Ut haec igitur in perpetuum inconcussa permaneant ego Willelmus rex regium munimen imponens mea auctoritate meorumque primatum confirmavi anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo octogesimo tertio, mense Julio die festivitatis S. Arnulfi episcopi et martyris.'

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count Robert; William, the King's son; Robert Count of Mortain; Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmund's; Dominus Sanson; Robert of Bellême; Count Alan; Richard de Courci; Hubert de Port; William de Tornebu.

[Original in Archives du Calvados. Another copy (imperfect) in same archives (H. 1830). *Gallia Christiana*, xi, Instrumenta, col. 75; D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, i. 270; Deville, *Notices* iv. 18 (imperfect abstract); Legras, *Le Bourgage de Caen*, p. 403 (from H. 1830).]

[1066–83.] **183.** Grant by William I and his wife Matilda to the Holy Trinity, Caen.

Of the *bourg* of Quetehou (*Ketehol*), and of two manors in England, namely Becdoma and Tembreham, to hold as freely as the Queen held them.

[From a vidimus of 1420; Archives du Calvados.
D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 375.]
For Quetehou, see Round, *C. D. F.*, p. 149.

1066–83. **183 a.** Diploma by William I to the Holy Trinity of Fécamp.

Confirming an agreement between Fécamp and Earl Roger of Montgomeri, to which Abbot Durand of Troarn is a consenting party; relating to a road between Troarn and Argences (a priory dependent on Fécamp). The suit was heard before the King, who summoned to his presence Earl Roger, Abbot Durand, and Dom Maurus the monk as representative (*legatus*) of Fécamp. The agreement was that the abbey of Fécamp should give £70 to Earl Roger, on condition that he obtained leave from Abbot Durand to build a new road of stone, suitable not only for foot-passengers and asses, but also for carts and other vehicles.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count Robert; Earl Roger; Robert, son of Earl Roger; Bernard Ospac. Witnesses: Ivelin, Hugo, the priest Auquainville (*Heldechinvilla*).

Transcripts (17th cent.) in Archives du Calvados (H. 4503 and H. Troarn).
Sauvage, *Troarn*, p. 364.

[1079–83.] [Normandy.] **184.** Precept by William to Abp. Lanfranc and Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances.

To settle the question of sac and soc between Bp. Wulfstan [of Worcester] and Walter Abbot of Evesham; things to be settled as they were in King Edward's time, when the geld was last taken for the fleet (*ad navigium faciendum*). Gosfrid is to do justice in the King's place and to see that Wulfstan has the houses which he claims against the Abbot in Worcester, and that all his tenants are prepared to do their service both to the Bishop and to the King.

Witness: Roger de Ivri.

[Copies in Heming's Cartulary; B. M. Cotton MS. Claudius A. VIII, fo. 85 (transcript). *Heming's Chartulary*, ed. T. Hearne (1723), i. 77; *Monasticon* (from Hearne), i. 601.]
The lower limit of date is given by the Evesham documents relating to this suit. See Round in *Domesday Studies*, ii. 542–4.

[1079–83.] **185.** Notification by William I to Lanfranc the Archbishop, and Odo Bishop of Bayeux, and the barons of all England.

That he has granted to God and St. Mary, and Walter Abbot of Evesham, Westun and [Upper] Swell [co. Glos.] and Bengeworth [co. Worcester] and the other lands to which the Abbot proved his claim before many of the King's

barons at Agildeburga[1] [Four-Shire Stone, near Moreton-Henmarsh], to be held as well as ever his predecessor held them in this reign or under Edward the Confessor.

[B. M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV, fo. 28 (copy).
Chron. Abb. de Evesham, pref. xlvii (R. S.).]

The superior limit of date is given by the Worcester document relating to this suit. The Abbot was not completely successful in asserting his rights as to Bengeworth. *Domesday Book* (i. 175 *b*) mentions that one hide in this manor was detained by Urse of Abetôt in spite of the judgement which had been given in the Abbot's favour by four shires, assembled under the presidency of Odo of Bayeux.

[1] In a writ of Odo's which follows the name is given Gildeneberga. In *D. B.* (i. 175 *b*) the name appears as Ildeberga. See Duignan, *Place Names of Worcestershire, s. v.*

186. Notification by Odo Bp. of Bayeux to Bp. Wulfstan, and Urse and Durand and Walter, the sheriffs of Worcestershire and Gloucestershire and Warwickshire. [1079–83.]

That King William has restored to the church of Evesham and Abbot W[alter] those lands concerning which the Abbot pleaded before seven shires at Gildenberga [*supra*, No. 185] against all who unjustly claimed them: viz. Westona [co. Glos.], [Upper] Swell [co. Glos.], Bengeworth [co. Worcester], Buuntan [co. Worcester], Wixford [co. Warwick], Oldberrow [co. Worcester], Kinwarton [co. Warwick], Hillborough [co. Warwick], Ragley [co. Warwick].

[Evesham Cartulary, MS. Cotton Vesp. B. XXIV. 28 (copy).]

'Constanter defendo ex parte regis ut nullus amplius super hoc ei justitiam fatiat sed istas et omnes alias terras cum magno honore et pace teneat. Et nemini inde respondeat nisi Regi.'

This did not produce its full effect. The Abbot was unable to recover one of the five hides of Bengeworth (*D. B.* i. 175 *b*). Hillborough was in 1086 in the hands of Osbern fitz Richard (ib. i. 244). Westona and Ragley do not appear among the abbey estates in *D. B.* Round, *V. C. H. Worc.* i. 254, regards this document and the preceding as of doubtful authenticity.

187. Mandate (in Latin and English) by William I to William de Curcello. [1076–83.]

To see that the Romfeoh is paid at Michaelmas next by the King's men, and by every thane and their men; and to notify this at Bristol and at Montacute, that those who have not yet paid may do so; and to inquire, both himself and through the Bishop, as to those who have not paid. Neither the addressee nor his men are to take any pledge[1] in the land of Bishop Giso, until the matter has come before the Bishop.

[Wells Cathedral, Liber Albus, I, fo. 18 (copy).
Hist. MSS. Comm., Tenth Rep., App. III; *Wells Cathedral*, p. 10; *Calendar of MSS. of Dean and Chapter of Wells*, i. 17.]

[1] The Latin version reads 'mannum' in error for 'namium'. This writ is evidently the outcome of William's promise to Gregory VII respecting the Romfeoh. On the date see *supra*, No. 134. Inferior limit given by W. de Curcello.

188. Precept by William, the King's son, to William, sheriff of Kent. [1078–83.] Woodstock.

To order Haimo, son of Vitalis, and the *probi vicini* of Sandwich to declare the truth about the ship of the Abbot of St. Augustine. 'Et si navis illa perrexit per mare die qua rex novissime mare transivit tunc praecipio ut modo pergat quousque rex in Angliam veniat et interim resaisiatur inde abbas praedictus.'

Witness: Teste [Osmundo] Episcopo Sarum et Cancellario.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 66 v°; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 91 v°.
Hist. Mon. S. August. Cant. p. 353.]

This writ seems to be issued in the lifetime of Queen Matilda. The Bp. of Salisbury must be Osmund, appointed in 1078; Maurice became chancellor in or before 1083.

189. Precept by Queen Matilda to Ansfrid the *Dapifer*. [1078–83.] Westminster.

To cause the ship of the Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, to be restored to him, and all the goods which were seized therein. And the men who seized the ship are to find sureties, that they may stand to right when the King so

wills. All the goods of the Abbot are to be in peace, as they were on the day when the King crossed the sea, until he returns to England.

Witness: [Osmund] the Bishop of Salisbury.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 66 v°; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 91 v°.
Historia S. Augustini, p. 354.]

[1078-83.] Windsor. **190.** Precept by William, the son of the King, to William, the sheriff of Kent.

To reseise the Abbot of St. Augustine's of his ship, as commanded in a previous writ, and as it was attested (*recognitum*) by the good men of the shire that the Abbot was seised, when the King last crossed the sea.

Witness: The Chancellor.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 66 v°; Cotton Julius D. II, fo. 91 v°.
Historia S. Augustini, p. 354.]

[1078-83.] Westminster. **191.** Precept by William, the King's son, to William, sheriff of Kent.

To cause a recognition to be made by the men of the hundred of Milton, as to the customs which the Abbot of St. Augustine's ought to have in the vill of Newington, and formerly had. The Abbot is to have these without delay, 'et nominatim de isto auxilio, sicut olim habuit.'

Witness: [Osmund] Bp. of Salisbury.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 67 v°; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, No. 218.
Historia S. Augustini, p. 356 (incorrectly).]
These rights do not appear to be mentioned in *D. B.*

[1078-83.] **192.** Confirmation by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to Cluny.

At the request of William of Warenne and his wife Gundrada of their gift of the church of St. Pancras [Lewes]. Hugh Abbot of Cluny is mentioned.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count William, the King's son; William de Warenne; Gundrada, wife of William; Robert de Beaumont; Henry de Beaumont; Robert Gifard; Roger de Mortemer; Geoffrey de Chaumont; Ralph, *Dapifer*; Maurice the Chancellor.

[Paris, Bibliothèque Nat., Coll. de Bourgogne, LXXVIII. 121 (original).
Chartes de l'abbaye de Cluny, iv (1888), 688; Duckett, *Monasticon Cluniacense Anglicanum*, i. 44; Facsimile No. 549 of the École des Chartes; *Sussex Archaeol. Collections*, xxxiv, p. 125; *Bibliotheca Cluniacensis* (1614), p. 532 (incorrectly).

[1078-83.] **193.** Charter by William I to the Abbey of Jumièges.

Confirming the gift, by Rainald his chaplain, of the land and gardens which Rainald held of the King at Bayeux; the abbey is to hold it free of all dues like Rainald, and his predecessor Stephen. This is granted because Rainald has become a monk there.

Witnesses: Matilda the Queen; Maurice the Chancellor; William de Bello Fago; William, brother of Rainald; Odo, Henry, chaplains of the Queen.

[Cartulary of Jumièges, Archives of the Seine-Inférieure (copy).
[Round, *C. D. F.* 153 (calendared).]

[1078-83.] **194.** Notification by William to O[smund] Bp. of Salisbury and G[iso] the Bishop [of Wells] and E[dward] the sheriff [of Wilts.] to W. and W. the Hosats (*Hosatis*) and to all his thanes.

That he has granted to St. Peter of Jumièges the church of Winterbourn Stoke [co. Wilts.] and the church of Chewton Mendip [co. Somerset], for the relief of his own soul and of that of Queen Matilda; to be held with all the customs with which Odo the chaplain held them in the days of King Edward; and if anything has been taken thence it is to be restored.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 2 Ed. II, m. 3, No. 9; Cartae Antiquae (olim) S. 7; Inspeximus of Ed. I. (1283) in Archives of the Seine-Inférieure.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 381; Round, *C. D. F.* 154 (calendared).]
Concerning the church of Winterbourn Stoke see *D. B.* i. 65: 'Abbas Gemmeticensis tenet hanc ecclesiam cum terra et valet LX solidos'; of Chewton Mendip, *D. B.* i. 87: 'Ecclesiam huius manerii tenet abbas de Gemmetico cum dimidia hida terrae.'

195. *Pretended charter by William I to Aldwin the Prior and his successors, and the monks of Durham. 1084. Westminster.

At the command of Pope Gregory VII and the prayer of Bp. William he has taken them under his protection, and has confirmed to them all the liberties granted by Bp. William in the royal council. Furthermore he grants them sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief and wreck; and freedom from forest-right (*forestagio*), pannage, toll, passage-money, hundreds, trithings, wapentakes and all other customs pertaining to the Crown. They are to answer to no one for any possession of which they are seised.

Signa: King William; Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Thomas Abp. [of York]; William Bp. of Durham; Odo Bp. [of Bayeux]; Herbert Bp. [of Norwich]; Ælsi Abbot; Scotland Abbot [of St. Augustine's]; Turketin Abbot; Turold Abbot [of Peterborough]; Gilbert de Gant: Earl Hugh [of Chester]; Urso [the Chaplain]; William the Chaplain.

[Durham Treasury, I^ma^ I^mae^ Reg. 2 B (pretended original), 2 A (copy); Cart. I, fo. 46 v° (copy).

Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, App. No. VII; Greenwell, *Feod. Prior. Dunelm.*, p. lxxii.]

'Haec carta confirmata est anno x°viii° regni mei . . . in Concilio meo apud Westmonasterium.'

The witnesses alone are sufficient to show that this is a forgery.

196. *Pretended charter by William Bp. of Durham to the Prior of Durham. 1084. Westminster, *in concilio.*

Granting that he and his successors may have the dignity of abbots, and the same rights as the deans of York, and are to be elected freely by the monks. The Archbishop testifies that the King has released the priors and their men from all customs pertaining to the Crown. The Archbishops Lanfranc and Thomas have joined with the Bishop in confirming to the priors all the churches that they may acquire in the diocese of Durham.

Signa: William Bp. of Durham; Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Thomas Abp. [of York]; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Wulfstan Bp. [of Worcester]; Giso Bp. [of Wells]; Remigius Bp. [of Lincoln]; Osmund Bp. of Bath (*sic*); Ægelwin Abbot [of Evesham]; Edmund Abbot [of Pershore]; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Scotland Abbot [of St. Augustine's]; Turold Abbot [of Peterborough]; William the Chancellor; Robert Earl of Northumbria; Roger Bigod; Robert de Montfort; William Peverel; Maurice the Chaplain; William the Chaplain; Urse de Abetot.

[Durham Treasury, I. 1, Pontificalium 4 B (pretended original).

Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, App. VI; Greenwell, *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, p. l.]

'Haec carta confirmata est apud Westmonasterium iiij° anno episcopatus mei in consilio domini mei W. regis, praesentibus omnibus episcopis Angliae et baronibus et quibusdam subscribentibus. Valete.'

The witnesses alone are sufficient to prove that this is a forgery. Greenwell, *l. c.*, gives a shorter list of witnesses from another copy.

197. *Pretended charter by William Bp. of Durham to the Prior of Durham. 1084. Westminster, *in concilio.*

Granting him and his successors the liberties of an abbot, &c. (as in preceding charter) and giving and confirming various possessions enumerated.

Signa: William Bp. of Durham; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; Odo Bp. of Bayeux, the King's brother; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Giso Bp. of Wells; Godfrey Bp. of Coutances; Stigand Bp. of Selsey; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Scotland Abbot of St. Augustine's; Paul Abbot of St. Albans; Turold Abbot of Peterborough; Alsinus Abbot of Bath; Turstin Abbot of Pershore; Ægelwin Abbot of Covesham (*sic*); Robert Earl of Northumberland; Roger Bigot; Urse of Abetot; Robert de Montfort; Richard de Courcy; William Peverel; William

the King's Chancellor: Robert Count of Mortain: Robert Earl of Shrewsbury; William de Redvers; Robert de Papelcon; Maurice the Chaplain; William the King's Chaplain; Robert the Chaplain.

[Durham Treasury, I. 1, Pontificalium 3 A (pretended original).
Greenwell, *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelm.*, p. xlvii.]

'Haec carta confirmata est apud Westmonasterium iiij° anno episcopatus mei, in concilio domini mei regis Willelmi, praesentibus omnibus episcopis Angliae et baronibus, et quibusdam subscribentibus.'

See the remarks of Canon Greenwell, *u. s.*

1078–83. **198.** *Pretended confirmation, by William I and Queen Matilda, of the foundation of Lessay by Richard, surnamed Turstin Haldup, and of other gifts.

Forty-seven *signa*, including those of 'the chapter of Coutances' and 'Bp. Richard'; and two of Ranulf *vicomte* of Bayeux.

[Pretended original in Archives of La Manche.
Musée des Archives Départmentales (1878), p. 55; facsimile in the accompanying atlas, plate xviii.]

1084. **199.** Confirmation by William I to the Holy Trinity of Lessay.

Of a grant made by Roger de Albini in the year 1084 in the seventh indiction; also of grants by Roger's son Rualoc. The grant was witnessed by Eudo the *vicomte* and Roger de Boeio and Richard de Cerencis and Richard de Landa and Robert the chaplain of Eudo.

Signa: King William; Roger de Albini; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Count Robert; Gervase; Abbot Ranulf [? of Lessay]; Herbert de Agnellis [*Aigneals*]; Richard Bloet; Néel the *vicomte*; Samson; Maurice; Eudo; Adam, brother of Eudo; Henry, the King's son; William de Grimovilla; Geoffrey Carbonel; Odo Bardol; Aubrey the Chamberlain; Roger de Corcella; Richard de Meri; Geoffrey de Sai; Robert de Oilli.

[Original in Archives of La Manche, H. 4603.
Round, *C. D. F.* 920 (calendared).]

The appearance of Bp. Odo is strange, considering that he was at this time in captivity.

[1070–84.] **200.** Notification by William I, to Abp. Lanfranc and Robert de Oilli and all of Warwickshire, of a confirmation to Adellelm the Abbot and the church of Abingdon.

Of three hides of land which Turkill of Arden gave them.

[Copy in Cotton MS. Claud. B. VI.
Hist. Mon. Abingdon, ii. 8.]

Between the appointment of Lanfranc and the death of Athellelm.

The lands in question were Little Chesterton (Kingston) and Hille (*Hist. Mon. Ab.*, *l.c.*). For Hille (co. Warwick) see *D. B.* fo. 239: 'Abbatia de Abendone habet in Hille 11 hidas quas emit abbas de feudo Turchilli et Warinus tenet de abbate.' For Little Chesterton (*Cestreton*), ib. i. 241 *b*.

[1070–84.] Brill. **201.** Precept by William I to his sheriffs and officials.

That all things which the monks of Abingdon buy 'ad victum' be free from all toll and custom.

Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copy in Cotton MS. Claud. B. VI.
Chron. Abingdon, ii. 2.]

The chronicler puts this in the reign of William I and the time of Abbot Athellelm.

[1076–84.] **202.** Notification by William I to Walchelin Bp. of Winchester, and all his barons and officials of Surrey.

That he has confirmed to St. Peter and Abbot Vitalis and the monks of Westminster the three hides which Godfrey,[1] son of Count Eustace, gave on behalf of his wife, Beatrice, with the consent of Geoffrey de Mandeville: one in Balham and two in Walton near Morden. The Abbot and monks are to hold these hides quit of the *murdrum*-fine, of geld and danegeld.

[1] Godfrey of Bouillon, afterwards Defender of the Holy Sepulchre.

Witnesses: Abbot Wulfwold [of Chertsey]; Geoffrey de Mandeville.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 181 (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 129.]
Balham is entered in *D. B.* (i. 36) as held by Geoffrey Orlatele without warrant. But the entry is put in the margin opposite the lands of Geoffrey de Mandeville. Godfrey of Bouillon is entered as holding land in Carshalton (*D. B.*, *l.c.*).

203. Notification by William to Bp. O[smund] and Hugo, son of Grip. [1078–84.]
That the Abbot of Abbotsbury have his land and all things which pertain to his church in respect of wreck and all other customs, as in the time of King Edward; and particularly that ship which has been wrecked on his land if he can prove that it belongs of right to his church.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 54 Hen. III, m. 14; 8 Ed. II, No. 5; Confirmation Roll, 6–10 Hen. VII, No. 1.
Calendar Charter Rolls, ii. 132.]
By 1084 Aiulf had succeeded Hugo, son of Grip, as sheriff of Dorset (Round, *C. D. F.* 1206).

204. Grant by William I to the church of St. Mary, Mortain, belonging to the monks of Marmoutier at Tours. [1082–4.] Mortain.
Of Puddle Hinton [co. Dorset] 'free and quit from Danegeld, except as to 4 hides'; the other six are in demesne and quit.
Witnesses: Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury]; Robert Fitz Haimon; Robert de Belesme; Hugh de Montgomeri; Roger of Poitou; Robert fitz Osbern; Geoffrey, son of Rivallon; Alvredus, *Pincerna*; Hugo de Diva; Guido de Landevi; Vitalis, *Pincerna*; Richard de Lestra; Aiulf, sheriff of Dorset.

[Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Lat. 12878, fo. 289 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 1206 (calendared).]
This grant was made from the lands of Count Robert. *D. B.* i. p. 79: 'Abbatia Maioris Monasterii tenet de Comite Pidele, Duo taini tenuerunt T. R. E. pro duobus maneriis et geldabat pro decem hidis. Terra est septem carucarum. De ea sunt in dominio quinque hidae.' There is thus a slight discrepancy between this document and the survey.

205. * Pretended charter by William I to St. Cuthbert of Durham. 1083–4. Westminster.
The secular canons are to be replaced by monks. The priors are to have the same precedence as deans. The gifts of Bishop William are confirmed.
Signa: King William; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Osmund Bp. of [Salisbury]; Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Herfast Bp. [of Elmham]; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Scotland Abbot [of St. Augustine's]; Vitalis Abbot of Westminster; Robert Count of Mortain; Richard de Courcy; Urse de Abetot cum multis aliis; Maurice the Chaplain; Siward Barn; Robert de Montfort; Alan de Lincollia (? Alured); Turald de Papelcon; William the Chaplain; Robert Count of Mortain (*sic*); Roger Bigod; Robert, *Dispensator*; Robert the Chaplain; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Hamo, *Dapifer*.

[Original (?); Cartularium I, fo. 45 (copy); P. R. O. Cart. Antiq. D. 4 (copy); Durham Cath. Iᵃ Iᵐᵃᵉ Reg. No. I; Bodleian, MS. Dodsw. XV. 63 (transcript).
Monasticon, i. 237 *; *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelm.* (Surtees, 1872), lxvii–lxix; Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, App. ii (from the Cartulary, which is an imperfect copy).]
See the remarks of the Rev. W. Greenwell in *Feodar. Priorat. Dunelm.* (Preface), who regards this as a forgery of the years 1100–25. Simeon of Durham states that both William I and Bp. William died before the Bishop could complete his design of endowing the monks.

206. Charter by William I to the Abbey of Fécamp, dated 1085. 1085.
Confirming King Edward's gift of Steyning with its appurtenances. Also giving to the abbey the manor of Bury in consideration for their claims against him for their possessions in Hastings in the time of King Edward.

Seals: William King of the English; William the Count, the King's son; Lanfranc the Abp.; Alan the Count; Robert Count of Meulan; Hugo de Montfort; Baldwin of Exeter; Hugo de Grentemesnil.

[Original in private hands.
Round, *C. D. F.* 115 (calendared).]

This grant would have been unnecessary if that printed above (dated 1072–8, No. 112) were genuine.

For Bury (*Berie*) see *D. B.* i. 17.

1085. **207.** Memorandum of the settlement of a suit between Gulbert de Alfait and the Abbey of Fécamp in the presence and by the precept of William King of the English and Prince of the Normans.

Ex parte regis fuerunt judices et testes: [Mainer] Abbot of St. Évroul; the Abbot of Saint-Pierre-sur-Dives; Roger the *Pincerna*; Hugo de Port; Wido Oillei; Richard de Corcei; Geoffrey Martel. *Ex parte Sancte Trinitatis*: Landbert of Saint-Sedan; William 'dens durus'; William 'maleconductus'; Robert Malet; Ivelin de Amundivilla; Robert Bortville; Berard Salvalonis filius; Ouen the Chamberlain; Hugo his son; Geoffrey de Sedana; William filius Theoderici. *Ex parte Gulberti*: Bernard de Neufmarché; Vigerius filius Ursonis; Radulfus filius Odonis; Ricuardus de Torcei; Eustachius his brother; Bernardus de Belnai; Willelmus de Tornebu; Baldricus; Nicholas; Ernulfus de Villaines; Radulfus filius Anseredi; Rannulfus *vicecomes*; Rodbertus filius Ascelini.

[Original in Archives of the Seine-Inférieure.
Round, *C. D. F.* 116 (calendared).]

1085. Pevensey. **208.** * Grant (spurious) by Robert Count of Mortain to the monks of St. Michael de Periculo Maris.

Of Michael's Mount in Cornwall, with half a hide of land, to hold as freely as he used to hold it. By the King's licence the monks may have there a weekly market on Thursdays. Afterwards, having been vouchsafed through St. Michael's aid a son born of his lawful wife, he has given further lands in Amaneth and Travelaboth with the leave of King William, Queen Matilda, and their sons Count Robert, William Rufus, so freely that the monks shall be free from the King's justice in all matters except homicide.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Count Robert; William Rufus, the King's son; the boy Henry; Robert Count of Mortain; Matilda his wife; William their son; William fitz Osbern; Roger de Montgomery; Tossetin the sheriff; Warin; Turulf; Leofric Bp. of Exeter.

['Ex ipso autographo apud S. Michaelem in Normannia.'
Monasticon, vii. 989. Oliver, *Monasticon Exon.* p. 31, No. 3 (from the Cartulary of St. Michael's Mount).]

'Firmata atque roborata est haec carta anno millesimo octuagesimo quinto ab incarnatione Domini, indictione decimo quarto, concurrente tertia, luna octava, apud Pevensel.'

Leofric died in 1071 or 1072 and William fitz Osbern in Feb. 1071.

[1066–85.] **209.** Notification by William I to S[weyn] the sheriff and the lieges of Essex.

That he has granted St. Peter of Westminster the land and marsh of [East] Tilbury which Geoffrey de Mandeville gave the said church for the soul of his wife who lies there.

Witnesses: Richard, son of Count Gilbert; R[obert] de Oilli.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 678 (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 127.]

Sweyn, who appears as a tenant-in-chief in 1086, had ceased by that date to hold the sheriffdom. This grant would seem to have been frustrated. No part of Tilbury is entered in Domesday as belonging to Westminster Abbey. It appears from *D. B.* ii. 59 *b* that Geoffrey claimed against Sweyn thirty acres which the latter had added to his manor of [West] Tilbury. See Round in *V. C. H. Essex*, i. 374, 508.

210. Notification by William I to Abp. L[anfranc] and G[osfrid] Bp. of Coutances and P[eter] the Bp. [of Lichfield] and R[obert] the sheriff and the other lieges of Staffordshire. [1074–85.]

That the King has given to Samson his chaplain the church of St. Mary of Wolverhampton with all the customs which the church had in the time of King Edward.

[Copies in Pat. Roll, 2 Rich. II, pt. 2, m. 19; Charter Roll, 2 Ed. III, No. 67. *Monasticon*, viii. 1446 (incorrectly).]

See *D. B.* (Staffordshire), i. 247 *b*: 'canonici de Hantone tenent unam hidam de Sansone,' &c. The possessions of Samson and of the canons of Wolverhampton are entered under the same rubric.

211. Notification by William I to Bp. Hugo [of London] and Ralph Baynard and his lieges of London. [1075–85.]

That he gives and grants to the church of St. Martin all the land and moor (*moram*) outside Cripplegate, on each side of the gate between the wall and the spring (*rivulum fontium*) up to the running water which enters the city, to make a curtilage for the canons, free and quit as the demesne of the canons is, for the souls of the King's father and mother.

[Charter Roll, 17 Ed. III, m. 19 (copy).]

This grant is included in the charter of 1067 (*supra*, No. 22). It is hard to see why it should be repeated seven or eight years later.

212. Notification by William I to Re[migius] the Bp., H. the sheriff, and the other barons of Lincolnshire. [1076–85.] Wiht.[1]

That he has confirmed to Abbot Vitalis and St. Peter of Westminster the land of Dodington, which Alric Merietisune gave to the said church; and a soc called Torp pertaining to the same manor, as Alric had it.

Witnesses: G[osfrid] Bp. of Coutances; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William of Warenne; Richard, son of Count Gilbert.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 524 v°; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 62. *Monasticon*, i. 301, No. xli.]

For Dodington see *D. B.* i. 346. Ailric appears there as holding the larger part of the manor. His share was worth £16, and that of St. Peter £4, *per annum*. The berewick of Torp is entered as belonging to Westminster.

[1] Wich, *Monasticon*.

213. Notification by William I to all bishops, abbots, sheriffs, &c., wherever Abbot Vitalis has lands. [1076–85.]

That Abbot Vitalis have all his demesne in Worcestershire which he can show that Bp. Wulfstan and the Abbot of Evesham and Rambald the chancellor adjudged to the use (*ad opus*) of St. Peter of Westminster; and that in like manner he is to have all his demesne throughout England, no matter who holds it at the present moment, so far as he can prove by the witness of shire and hundred that the church of Westminster had it by the gift of Edward the Confessor and of the King himself. He is to hold his lands, woods, ways and water-rights (*vias et aquas*) with all honour; and the men, French or English, who hold of his fee are to make their peace with him.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 47 (copy).]

On Regenbald, the chancellor of Edward the Confessor, see J. H. Round, *Feudal England*, p. 421 ff. The Abbot of Evesham is doubtless Ægelwy, who was much employed by the Conqueror.

214. Precept by William I to P[eter] [sheriff of Essex] and R[alph] [sheriff of Surrey] and all his sheriffs. [1078–85.]

That all the land of St. Peter of Westminster is to be quit as in the time of Edward the Confessor, and on the day on which the King crossed the sea. Full justice is to be given to Abbot Vitalis respecting Anselm, so that the King may hear no further complaint.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 47 (copy).]

The reference is to a dispute with Anselm, when Abbot of Bec, respecting the manor of Tooting Bec. That the holding of Westminster in Tooting concerned the sheriffs both of Essex and Surrey appears from another charter (spurious) which is printed by Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 128 (*supra*, No. 181).

[1080–5.] Westminster.

215. * Notification (spurious) by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglie,' to his bishops, barons, &c., and the burgesses of London.

That he has confirmed to St. Peter of Westminster, for his own salvation and that of King Edward his kinsman, all the lands in London which the saint used to hold by the gift of King Edward or others. These and all future gifts within the said borough (*burgo*) are to be held with all the rights and customs granted by King Edward.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; R[obert] Count of Meulan; H[ugh] Earl of Chester.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 100 v° (copy).]

This has a family resemblance to the other Westminster charters concerning the rights of the monks in London.

[1080–5] Pentecost. Westminster.

216. * Notification (spurious) by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to G[eoffrey] de Mandeville, and the sheriff and William the Chamberlain and all his citizens and officials of London.

That he has granted to God and St. Peter and Abbot Vitalis and the monks of Westminster, for his own salvation and for love of his kinsman, King Edward, all the lands in London which King Edward gave to the place of his burial, and which William himself has subsequently added or any one else has given; to hold with sac and soc, miskenning and sceawinge. They are to hold freely their market-places (*nundinalia et argisteria, id est mercatoria loca*) with their stalls and shops (*seldis et scoppis*) and rents, and their meat-market (*macella*), and the rights and tolls appropriated to the lights of the church, as King Edward commanded. All merchants who in Edward's time landed or put in at the soc or stalls or wharves of St. Peter to lodge there, may now return thither under the King's peace. No sheriff or other official is to molest them on pain of £10 forfeiture.

Witnesses: Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; H[enry] Earl of Warwick;[1] R[obert] Count of Meulan;[1] Ivo Taillebois; Robert de Oilli; Roger Bigot.

[B. M. Cotton Charter XVI. 30 (pretended original, mutilated at end); Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 100 v° (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 129.]

The inferior limit of date is given by the mention of Abbot Vitalis.

This charter is either a forgery or grossly interpolated.

[1] In the Cotton Charter the names of these two witnesses are obliterated.

[1080–5.]

217. * Notification (spurious) by William to his sheriffs and officials and all his lieges of London.

That he has confirmed to God and St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot Vitalis the gift which Alwold of St. Botulf's Gate gave to them when he became a monk there; that is his house (*curia*) and a wharf at the head of London Bridge, and his other lands in the said city, as King Edward confirmed them; to be held with sac and soc and all customs.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; R[obert] Count of Meulan; H[enry] Earl of Warwick.[1]

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 101 (copy).]

[1] A suspicious attestation; these witnesses are identical with the first four of the forged charter of 1080–5 concerning trade privileges in London (*supra*, No. 216).

[1085.]

218. * Record (spurious) stating that, in the year 1085, Ermelina, wife of Walter de Lacy, gave to St. Peter of Gloucester, for the redemption of her husband's soul, 1 vill of five hides, namely Duntesburne. In the same year

William de [ ] gave the said church a mill with a virgate adjoining. King William confirmed each of these donations.

Signa: King William; Robert and William, the King's sons; Abp. Lanfranc; Abp. Thomas; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; William Bp. of Llandaff (*Landiffarnensis*); Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Robert Count of Mortain; Count Alan.

[Gloucester Cartulary, P. R. O., fo. 51 *b*.
Cartularium Mon. S. Petri Glouc. i. 258.]

This grant, and the King's confirmation, are mentioned in *D. B.* i. 165 *b*. But the above document is a clumsy forgery, as William Bp. of Llandaff held that see from 1185 to 1191.

219. Confirmation by William I to God and the Church of St. Peter of Gloucester, at the request of Abbot Serlo. 1086.

Of the possession of the lands which Abp. Thomas formerly held from that church, namely Leach, Oddington, Standish; and of the donations of various persons.

[Gloucester Cartulary (P. R. O.), fo. 85 (copy).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. i. 334.]

Dated 'Anno Incarnationis Domini millesimo octogesimo sexto'. The form is suspicious and resembles that of a preceding charter (No. 167). These lands of Abp. Thomas are entered under his name in *D. B.* i. 164 *b*. This charter should be compared with a spurious confirmation, attributed to Stephen and dated 1138 (*Cart.* i. 122).

220. Notification of a plea held by William I concerning William de Braiose and the property of the Abbey of the Holy Trinity, Fécamp, King William holding the plea on a Sunday, sitting from morn to eve. [1086.] 'Ala Chocha' [? Laycock (Wilts.)].

Witnesses: William, Henry, the king's sons; Abp. Lanfranc; Abp. Thomas; William Bp. of Durham; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Geoffrey [Bp.] of Coutances; Robert [Bp.] of Chester; Robert [Bp.] of Hereford; Osmund [Bp.] of Salisbury; Maurice [Bp.] of London; Count Robert of Mortain; Count Alan Rufus; Earl Roger of Montgomeri; Richard, son of Count Gilbert; Baldwin his brother; Roger Bigot; Henry de Ferrars; Bernard de Neufmarché; William of Eu; Hugo de Port; Richard Goiz; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Robert, *Dispensator*; Robert fitz Tetbald; William de Perci; Robert of Rhuddlan; Nigel de Torp; Roger de Corcella; Alured de Lincoln; William de Falaise; Henry de Beaumont; Serlo Abbot of Gloucester; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; William and Raper and Bernard fitz Ospac, monks of the Holy Trinity; William Malconduit; Godfrey his brother; Sotriz; Leviet; Richard de Boder; Geroldin.

[Cartulary of the Holy Trinity, Fécamp [Public Library, Rouen], fo. 82 (copy); P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae 29 (1).
Round, *C. D. F.* 114 (calendared from the Fécamp cartulary, which gives only the first six witnesses).]

'Ala Chocha' is described in the document as a manor of William of Eu. This militates against the suggestion (in Mr. Round's index) that Laycock in Wilts. is meant. No part of Laycock is entered in Domesday as belonging to William of Eu.

221. Notification by Gosfrid Bp. of Coutances, to R[emigius] Bp. of Lincoln and W[alter] Giffard and H[enry] de Ferrers and Adam [de Port] and the rest of the King's barons. [1086.]

That, at the King's command, he heard the suit between Bp. Wulfstan [of Worcester] and [Walter] Abbot of Evesham, in which the Bishop proved his right to have, as part of his fee, three hides in Bengeworth and houses in the city [of Worcester], and that the Abbot ought to do service from them like the Bishop's other vassals (*feudati*). And he also proved that the soc and sac of Hampton belong to his hundred of Oswaldslaw, and that the men of Hampton ought to pay their share of the geld and host-service (*expeditionem*) and other lawful services from those fifteen hides, and also church-scot and burial-money (*sepultura*) at the Bishop's vill of Croppethorn. This was

proved upon oath before the Bishop and Urse of Abetot and Osbern, son of Escrop, and the other barons of the kingdom, by the judgement and testimony of the whole shire-court.

[Copy in Heming's Cartulary, Worcester Cathedral Library.
Heming's Cartulary (ed. Hearne), i. p. 77; *Monasticon* (from Hearne), i. 601.]
The persons addressed by Gosfrid are the Domesday commissioners for Worcestershire. See *Monasticon*, i. 601 (No. 33) and Round in *Domesday Studies*, ii. 542-4.

[? 1086.] London. **222.** *Confirmation (spurious) by William [I]. 'Dei beneficio rex Anglorum', to Croyland Abbey.

Confirming the charter of Edred at the request of Abbot Ingulph.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; Earl William; Earl Alfred (?); Alfred, son of Topi; William Malet; et alii.

[Copy in Ingulphi Historia, B. M. MS. Arundel, No. 178, lf. 58 *b*.
Savile, *Scriptores post Bedam* (1596), 518-19; Fulman, *Rer. Anglic. Scriptores Vett.* i. (1684) 85-6; *Foedera*, i. 6; Birch, *Ingulph's Chronicle* (1883), 151-2; *Monasticon*, ii. 118.]
Spurious. The author states that it was granted at London at the time when Domesday Book was being compiled.

[1066-86.] **223.** Notification by William to H[enry] de Ferrars and Harding the sheriff [of Derbyshire].

That he has given to God and St. Mary of Burton and Andresey the land of Cotes [co. Derby], to hold as freely as the mother of Earl Morcar ever held it. The King's will is that Valdevinus his clerk shall hold it of the said church. The persons addressed are to see that no man does him wrong.

[Copy in Burton Cartulary (in the possession of the Marquis of Anglesey).
Wm. Salt Society, Old Series, Vol. V (1), p. 9; also ib. p. 11.]
This holding (described as the land of Algar) is mentioned in Domesday Book (i. 273) as being then in the possession of the abbey. The Conqueror's grant is mentioned by Stephen in a writ referring to the same land (*op. cit.* p. 11).

[1066-8.] **224.** Notification by William I to all his officials of Surrey.

That he has granted to St. Peter of Chertsey four manors, namely, Chertsey, Egham, Thorp Cobham, free of all geld and other customs pertaining to the King; namely sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, grithbrice, forsteal, hamsocn, flymenafyrmth, murdrum, in feasts and out of feasts: and with all other customs which they had in the time of King Edward.

Witness: Urse of Abetot.

[Copies in P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae, No. 4 (11); Cotton MS. Vitell. A. xiii, fo. 53 *b*.]
See the entries relating to these manors in *D. B.* i. 32 *b*.

[1066-86.] **225.** Record of a gift made by Walter de Lacy and confirmed by William I, to St. Peter of Gloucester and St. Peter of Hereford.

Of four carucates of land and ten villeins, one from each of ten vills, and two-thirds of the tithes of those vills.

[Copy in *Hist. Mon. S. Petri Glouc.* (MS. Queen's Coll. Oxford, No. ccclxvii).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. i. 85.]
This grant is mentioned in *D. B.* (Herefordshire), i. 184.

[1070-86.] **226.** Notification by William I to T[homas] the Abp. [of York] and E. the sheriff and the lieges of Yorkshire.

That he has granted to Count Alan, St. Olave Marygate [co. York] and Clifton [co. York], and whatever pertains to the church and the manor.

[Copy in Patent Roll, 12 Hen. VI, pt. 2, membranes 34 and 33; Transcript in Dodsworth MS. (Bodleian) 63, fo. 4.
Calendar Pat. Rolls, 12 Hen. VI, p. 362.]
Clifton is entered as Alan's land in *D. B.* i. 312.

[1075-86.] Feb. 4. Salisbury. **227.** Record of a grant by William I to St. Florent of Saumur.

Of the tithes and lands which Wethenoc of Monmouth had given them. This grant was made to them in the King's chamber at Salisbury castle.

Witnesses: Count Alan; Baderon, brother of Wethenoc; Wethenoc; Ralph the monk of St. Florent, who had come to the King for this purpose.

[Original in Archives of Maine-et-Loire.
Mémoires de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie, xxx. 174; Round, *C. D. F.* 1135 (calendared).]

Wethenoc or Wihenoc was appointed castellan of Monmouth after 1075; and had been succeeded by William fitz Baderon in or before 1086, himself becoming a monk of St. Florent (Lloyd, *Hist. of Wales*, ii. 386 *note*). For this grant see *D. B.* i. 180 *b*.

228. Notification by William I to T[homas] the Abp. [of York], Count Alan, and R[alph] Paganel and all the King's lieges. [1078–86.] York.

That he has granted to St. Peter of Presteby and of Whitby, and Serlo the prior, such liberties as St. John of Beverley has and the church of Ripon and St. Peter of York; also the church of Hackness and lands in Hackness, Northfield, and Brinton, with sac and soc and free from geld.

Witnesses: Lanfranc the Abp.; Osmund Bp. of [Salisbury]; W[illiam] de Percy.

[Copies in P. R. O. Charter Rolls, 5 Ed. II, m. 6 [No. 17]; 7 Ed. III, No. 37; 5 & 6 Ric. II, No. 11; 9 & 10 Ric. II, No. 12; 8 Hen. IV, No. 5; 21–4 Hen. VI, m. 18; Pat. Roll, 4 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 7–6 (Cal. 356); Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV (Cal. 393); Confirmation Rolls, 7 Hen. VIII, pt. 1, No. 14; 9 & 10 Eliz. No. 1; Bodleian Dodsworth MS. 158, fo. 116 (transcript).
Whitby Cartulary, ii. pp. 495, 530; *Monasticon*, i. 412.]

For the lands of St. Hilda in Hackness [co. York] see *D. B.* i. 323 *a*.

229. Charter by William I to the Abbey of St. Amand at Rouen. [1078–86.]

Granting a market at Saane every Sunday.

Witnesses: Maurice the chancellor; Ivo Tallebois; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Reinold, the brother of the Abbess.

[Cartulary of St. Amand (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), fo. 8 v° (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 92 (calendared); Pommeraye, *Saint-Amand*, p. 81.]

230. Precept by William I to V[rse] the sheriff and Osbern, son of Escrop, and all men French and English of Worcestershire. [1079–86.]

That Bp. Wulfstan have sac and soc and services and all customs pertaining to his hundred [of Oswaldslaw] as he had them in the time of King Edward; and he is to have the service of the four hides of Bengeworth and the houses in the city which he proved that the Abbot of Evesham holds of him. As for the fifteen hides in Hampton over which the Bishop proved his right to soc and geld and *expeditio* and church-scot and burial-fees (*sepultura*) no one is to hold them against him. But he is to have all these things as he proved his right before Bp. Gosfrid [of Coutances] and the addressees, by the witness of the county.

Witnesses: Gosfrid the Bishop; Robert de Ivri.

[Cotton Tib. A. xiii, fo. 37 *b* (copy).
Thorpe, *Diplomatarium*, p. 442; *Heming's Cartulary* (ed. T. Hearne, 1723), i. 78; *Monasticon* (from Hearne), i. 601.]

Cf. *D. B.* i. 174 under Cropetorn: 'De ipso manerio tenet abbas de Evesham v hidas ad Hantune. De quibus episcopus T. R. E. tantummodo geldum habuit ad suum hundret. De reliquo tota est quieta ad ecclesiam de Evesham, ut dicit comitatus. De eodem manerio tenet abbas iv hidas in Bennicworte.'

This suit was heard in the time of Robert Bp. of Hereford, and can be assigned to 1079–83 (*supra*, No. 184). But this writ, witnessed by Gosfrid, may be considerably later.

231. Grant by William, King of the English by hereditary right, to St. Cuthbert and William, Bp. of Durham and his successors. [1080–6.]

Of the manor of Howden, with all its appurtenances, to hold as well and quietly as the said confessor holds his other lands.

[Liber Vitae, Durham Cathedral (copy).
Durham, *Liber Vitae* (Surtees Soc., 1841), p. 76.]

The *Liber Rubeus* (*Hist. Dunelm. Scriptt. Tres*, p. ccccxxiv ff.) makes Bp. Walcher the recipient of this grant, as of that conferring Welton (*infra*, No. 272). Howden appears in *D. B.* as belonging to the Bp. of Durham (i. 304 *b*). Simeon of Durham says that Bp. William was the recipient.

[1080–6.] **232.** Notification by William I to all men, present and future.

That he has given to the monastery of St. Pancras at Lewes a manor called Walton in Norfolk, with all the appurtenances which William of Warenne holds in that manor from the King. This gift is made for the souls of King Edward, Count Robert, the King's father, the King himself, Queen Matilda, the King's sons and successors, William of Warenne and his wife, Gundrada [the King's daughter].[1] The monks of Lewes are to possess the said manor with the same liberties which pertain to other churches founded by the King's barons with his consent; and the King is to have the same rights in that benefaction as in others.

Witnesses: King William; William, the King's son; Henry, the King's son; William de Warenne; Thomas Abp. [of York]; Osmund Bp. [of Salisbury]; Walkelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Remigius Bp. [of Lincoln]; Henry; Michael de Tona; William Bp. of Durham; Milo Crispin; Walter; E. the sheriff.

[Brit. Mus. Cotton Vesp. F. iii, fo. 1 (original, interpolated).
Monasticon, v. 13; *Foedera*, i. 3 (bad copies).]

This grant appears to be noticed in *D. B.* ii. 160 where it is said of Walton 'modo tenet Sanctus Petrus', that is, St. Peter of Cluny. On Gundrada see Freeman in *E. H. R.* ii. 680–701.

[1] Addition in later hand.

[1080–6] Xmas. Westminster. **233.** Notification (? spurious) by William I, addressed generally.

That he has confirmed to St. Peter of Westminster and the monks of that place the manor of Staines (co. Middlesex), in augmentation of their diet (*ad victuale subsidium*); with sac and soc, toll and team and *latrocinium* and utleap (*emissione*) and hamsocn and forsteal and grithbreach and flymenafirmth and miskenning and all the royal customs, as granted by Edward the Confessor. The lands and the men of the manor are to be free from castle-work and all pleas and plaints. No sheriff, bailiff (*procurator*), tax-collector (*exactor*), or official is to meddle with them.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Maurice the Chancellor; Robert Count of Meulan; Count Alan; Earl Hugh; Haimo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigod; Robert de Oilli; Ivo Taillebois 'and many others'.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 139 (copy).]

For Staines see *D. B.* i. 128. It appears by this record that the abbey received Staines after the time of King Edward: 'valet xxxv librae. Quando receperunt similiter. T. R. E. xl librae.' But while this document records a genuine grant, it has a family resemblance to some patent forgeries of the Westminster scribes.

[1080–6] Xmas. Westminster. **234.** Notification (? spurious) by William I, addressed generally.

That he has granted to the brethren of St. Peter's Westminster the manors of Pershore and Deerhurst with their lands (*territoriis*) and appurtenances; and with sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief (*latrone*) and utleap (*emissione*) and hamsocn and foresteal and grith-bryce and flemenefirmth and miskenning; as freely as King Edward granted them by his charter. The lands of the manors and the tenants are to be free from all pleas and plaints and interference of royal officials.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Maurice the Chancellor; Robert Count of Meulan; Count Alan; Hugh Earl of Chester; Haimo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigod; Robert de Oilli; Ivo Taillebois and many others.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 299 v° (copy).]
'Apud Westmonasterium in Natale Domini.'

Edward's grant (Thorpe, *Diplomat.* 404) was to take effect after Queen Edith's death. She died in 1075. See *D. B.* i. 166 and i. 174 *b*.

235. Notification by William to Remigius Bp. [of Lincoln] and P[eter] de Valognes and the sheriff and all of Herts. [1080–6.] Windsor.

That St. Peter and the monks of Westminster are to have their manor of Ægate [Ayot St. Lawrence] with the church and other appurtenances, as given by Alfwin Cotton and his wife; with soc and sac, toll and team, *latrocinium* and other customs, as confirmed by King Edward.

Witnesses: William Bp. of Durham; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Robert Count of Meulan; Ivo Taillebois; Robert de Oilli.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 237 v° (copy).]

In Domesday Book this manor belongs to Westminster, and there is a reference to this grant of the King's: 'Hoc manerium tenuit Aluuinus teignus T.R.E. et vendere potuit. De hoc manerio revocat abbas W. regem sibi concessisse' (*D.B.* i. 135).

236. Notification by William I to R[alph][1] the sheriff and all his officials of Surrey. 1087. 'Post descriptionem totius Anglie.'

That he grants, to St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot G[ilbert], eight hides in the manor of Pirford within the forest of Windsor, which are in the royal demesne, free and quit from scot and geld and every custom.

Witnesses: W[illiam] Bp. of Durham; I[vo] Taillebois.

[Original in Chapter House, Westminster. Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 182 v° (copy).

Madox, *Formulare Anglicanum* (1702), p. 238 (facsimile in plate facing p. xxxiv); *Foedera*, i. 4.]

Dated 'post descriptionem totius Angliae'. This writ is interesting because *D.B.* notes that Pirford which had been assessed T.R.E. at 27 hides had been reduced to 16 hides by Harold, and that the King had never confirmed the reduction by his writ. Three hides of the manor were royal forest (*D.B.* i. 32).

[1] Westminster Domesday reads 'O. vicecomiti'.

237. * Notification (spurious) by William I to Walchelin Bp. of Winchester, and Wulfwold the Abbot of Chertsey, and William fitz Osbern, *Dapifer*, and Godfrey son of Count Eustace, and all of Surrey. [1087 ?] 'Post descriptionem Angliae.'

That he has confirmed to Abbot Edwin and the monks of St. Peter of Westminster the manor of Cleygate [co. Surrey]; and in the wood of Ditton the third oak and the third acre and the third of all valuable rights; free from all plaints, shires, hundreds, aids, gelds, and Danegelds, &c., as Earl Tostig and the Countess Leofruna gave them and as King Edward confirmed them.

Witness: W[illiam] Count of Mortain.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 489 v°.

Armitage Robinson, *Flete's History of Westminster Abbey*, p. 141.]

The appearance of Abbot Edwin (†1071) and William fitz Osbern (†1071), in connexion with William of Mortain who succeeded his father in 1091, is fatal to the genuineness of this charter. The manor of Cleygate appears among the Surrey possessions of the abbey in *D.B.* i. 32. But Long Ditton is entered (*D.B.* i. 35) as belonging entirely to Richard fitz Gilbert.

238. * Writ (spurious) by William I, generally addressed. [1066–87.]

'De appellatis pro aliquo maleficio Franco vel Anglico.'

[Red Book of the Exchequer, lf. 163. For other copies v. Hall's *Red Book* (R. S.) I. xcvi–xcvii.

Foedera, i. 2.]

239. * Ordinance (spurious) by William I, 'rex Anglorum, dux Normannorum,' to all his lieges. [1066–87.]

Containing certain provisions to be observed through the whole monarchy of the kingdom of Britain.

Witnesses: the copy in the Red Book ends 'Testibus &c.'

[Copies in Red Book of Exchequer, lf. 162 *d*; MS. Harg. 313, lf. 99; Cotton Claud. D. II. *Foedera*, i. 1; Thorpe, *Ancient Laws*, 211; Schmid, *Gesetze der A. S.* p. 354.]

See the remarks of Liebermann, *Quadripartitus*, 145.

[1066–87.] **240.** Notification by William I to all his lieges.

That he grants to the abbess A[lfgiva] of Barking his peace and love and all her rights (*leges*), within and without burh, as fully as any abbess in that monastery of St. Mary had them in the time of King Edward. Whoever does her wrong it shall be accounted as a wrong to the King himself.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 7 & 8 Richard II, No. 33; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 22; Confirmation Roll, 4 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 3.]

[1066–87.] **241.** Notification (in English language) by William I to his bishops and earls and thegns in the shires where Abbot Wulfwold (of Bath) has lands.

That the abbot has sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief, and grithbryce and foresteal and hamsocn as fully as any man in the King's realm. And that he holds Charlcombe as full and freely as any one before him.

[Copy in MS. CCCC. c. xi (Bath Cartulary).
Hunt, *Two Cartularies of Bath Priory*, p. 37.]
This is clearly connected with the writ of William fitz Osbern relating to Charlcombe (*supra*, No. 7).

[1066–87.] **242.** Notification by William I to Richard fitz Count and R. the sheriff.

That he has confirmed to St. Edmund and Abbot Baldwin the land of Brichtulf to hold for ever. The addressees are to do the abbot justice against P[eter] de Valognes and those men who have done him wrong. They are also to do justice respecting the men of Frodo, of whom the men of the Count disseised Frodo in Buxhall [co. Suffolk].

[Copy in Album Registrum S. Edmundi (B. M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v°.]
Frodo, brother of Abbot Baldwin, held lands and men in Buxhall (*D. B.* ii. 355 *b*). His dispute with Count Eustace is not mentioned in Domesday.

[1066–87] 'In octabis Pentecostes.' Westminster. **243.** Notification by William I to all sheriffs and reeves wherever the monks of Holy Trinity, Canterbury, have lands.

That he has granted to the said monks all their lands and goods and no one is to do them an injustice: 'Volo preterea et precipio ut predicti monachi potestatem habeant terras suas dandi et tollendi ubicumque eis melius visum fuerit, quicumque eas teneat.' And the men of the said church are to be obedient to the monks in all things.

Witnesses: Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Bernard the Chaplain; Hugo de Munsorel.

[Canterbury, Dean and Chapter, C. 5 (? original); independent copies in Reg. A. No. 238. and Reg. E, fo. 18; Pat. Rolls, 12 Hen. VI, pt. 2, membranes 9–1; Confirmation Roll, 4 Hen. VII, pt. 1, No. 4; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 3, No. 16; B. M. Add. MS. 6159, fo. 8 v°.
D. K. R. App. p. 32 (calendared), *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, lxix. 572.]

[1066–87.] **244.** Notification by William I to all sheriffs in whose shires the Abbot of Coventry has lands.

That the Abbot is to hold all his possessions with sac and soc; no one is to meddle in his soc without his leave. The King quit-claims the Abbot from castle-work in respect of all the abbatial lands for ever. He commands R. Taillebois to cause the pledge (*namium*) taken from the Abbot to be restored under surety; and let the dispute be judicially determined.

Seal wanting; but the strip for the seal remains.

[B. M. Harley Charter, 43, c. 10 (original).
Monasticon, iii. 192 (incomplete).]
The last three and a half lines have been re-inked by a later hand, and the text is apparently corrupt in this part of the charter.

[1066–87.] **245.** Notification by William to Wul[fstan] the Bishop and Ur[se] of Abetot and all his lieges of Worcestershire.

That he has granted that the land of Leng [? Lench Sheriffs, co. Worcester] which he gave to the church of Evesham to provide for the table of the brethren shall be free from all geld and castle-work and all customs.

Witness: The aforesaid Urse.

[Copy in Evesham Cartulary, MS. Cotton Vesp. B. xxiv. 18 [olim 15].
In *D. B.* we find Evesham holding Lench-Wick, Atch-Lench and Church-Lench (*V. C. H. Worc.* i. 290, 307). But this perhaps refers to Lench Sheriffs (*D. B.* i. 176) which William I confirmed to Evesham, but Odo of Bayeux afterwards seized and gave to Urse.

246. Grant by William [I] to St. Paul's, London. [1066–87.]
Of exemption for the twenty-four hides near the wall of the city of London, given by King Ethelbert, from shires and hundreds and all other customs.
Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in Cartae Antiquae (olim) A. 2; CC. 15; Charter Roll, 9 Ed. II, No. 37; Confirmation Rolls, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 9; 3 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 11; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 1, pt. 7, No. 7; 2 Eliz. pt. 2, No. 7; 3 Jas. I, pt. 3, No. 10; Camb. Univ. Library, MS. 1075, fo. 79; St. Paul's, London, Dean and Chapter, 'Statuta Minora,' fo. 71 *b*.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 292; Simpson's *Registrum*, p. 114.]
This may be by William II; but that king in his confirmation of 1099 does not refer to any previous charter of his own on this subject. Cf. *infra*, No. 274.

247. Notification by William I to Abps., 'pontiffs,' earls, sheriffs. [1066–87.]
That he has granted to St. Aldhelm an annual fair to be held for five days.[1]
Witnesses: Henry, 'my son'; the Count of Mortain; the Count of Meulan; H[ugo] de Montfort; E[dward] the sheriff; R. son of Alwart.

[Copies in P. R. O. Malmesbury Cartulary, fo. 136; Bodleian, Wood MS. 1, fo. 56.
Registrum Malmesburiense (R. S.) i. 329.]

[1] The text corrupt, but the sense is given in the following writ of Queen Matilda (*op. cit.* i. 329).

248. Precept by William I to Hamo, *Dapifer*, and all the King's lieges in the diocese of Rochester. [1066–87.]
That the church of St. Andrew of Rochester have its customs 'seu in annona seu in porcis' as in the time of King Edward.

[Original in Rochester Cathedral Library, copies in Charter Roll, 3 Ed. I, No. 2; Add. MS. 29437, fo. 8 (ex libro de Roff.); Pat. Roll, 12 Ed. IV, pt. 2, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 8, No. 2.
Hearne's *Textus Roffensis* (1720), 148; Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), 27.]

249. *Confirmation (commences with the words 'Sanctorum patrum monemur exemplo, &c.') by William I to Shrewsbury Abbey. [1077–87.]
Of the gifts made by Earl Roger and Adelaisa his wife.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 3 Rich. II, pt. 1, m. 26; Pat. Roll, 1 Hen. VI, pt. 5, m. 19; Shrewsbury Cartulary (penes W. Farrer, Esq.).
Monasticon, iii. 521.]
This is really nothing more than a *historia fundationis*, to which the scribe has added the words: 'haec omnia ego Willelmus rex Anglorum concessi et sigillo meo confirmavi.' It purports to be drawn up after the death of Countess Mabel.

250. Notification by William I to Ilbert of Hertford and all his lieges. [1066–87.]
That he confirms to St. Peter of Westminster the land of Wormley which Leofsin of London gave to the said church, to hold as freely as King Edward and the present King previously confirmed this gift.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 678 vº (copy).]
For Edward the Confessor's confirmation see *Monasticon*, i. 299, No. 18.
This land is not entered in Domesday as belonging to Westminster. In Wormley the tenants T. R. E. had been the canons of Waltham, Alsi a man of Eddeva, and Wluuard a man of Esgar the staller (*D. B.* i. 136 *b*, 137, 142). But the successor of Wluuard was Alwin Dodesone. Leofsin was also surnamed Dodesone (*Monasticon*, i. 299, No. 18), and his is presumably the holding in question.

251. * Notification (spurious) by William I, King of the English, Duke of the Normans, Prince of the Manceaux, addressed generally. [1066–87.]

That he has given to St. Peter of Westminster 61½ hides in Battersea, with its appurtenances and with the berewick called Wendleswrth; Pirford, reckoned at 16 hides; the hunting in the wood of Penceat which pertains to Battersea; the tithe of 200 unbroken mares out of those in the woods of the monastery; in Essex the manor of Wokendona containing 4 hides and 40 acres; and the church in which the examination of the judgement of fire and water is held by ancient custom; the manor of Fering in the same shire, containing 6½ hides and 30 acres with the church in which the examination of the ordeal takes place; three houses in Colchester; fourteen socmen and their lands, &c.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 48 v°; Westminster, Dean and Chapter, Case B, No. XXVI (12th cent. copy).

'Ego Willelmus dei gratia Anglorum rex hoc preceptum iussi scribere et scriptum cum signo dominice crucis confirmando impressi.'

This is headed, in 'Domesday', 'Telligraphus regis Willelmi primi, videlicet Conquestoris.' It is an obvious forgery.

[1066–87.] **252.** Charter, addressed to Bp. Wulfstan and U[rse] of Abetot and the barons of Worcestershire by William I.

In favour of Alfstan the dean, and the monks of Worcester. They are to have all the customs and dignities pertaining to their priory in lands, churches, tithes, &c., to hold as freely as they held them under the King's predecessors. No one is to interfere with the property of the monks, except by leave of the prior.

Witnesses: Gosfrid the Bp. [of Coutances]; Robert Count of Mortain; R. de Ivri (*Luerio*).

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 27; 3 Ed. III, No. 23; 9 Ed. III, No. 49; 15–17 Ric. II, No. 2; Confirmation Rolls, 3 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 15; 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 5, No. 6; Pat. Rolls, 10 Ed. I, m. 10; 1 Ed. IV, pt. 6, m. 23.

Cal. Pat. Rolls, 10 Ed. I, p. 26; Hale's *Register of Worcester Priory*, p. 25 *b* (imperfect).]

[1066–87.] **253.** Charter by William I to the abbot and monks of Fécamp.

Confirming the gift, made by Edward the Confessor, of Steyning [co. Sussex]. This charter acquitted the grantees of all earthly service and subjection to barons, princes, and others, and gave them all royal liberties, custom, and justice over all matters arising in their land; and threatened any who should infringe these liberties with an amercement of £100 of gold.

[Charter Roll, 31 Henry III, m. 6 (abstract).

Cal. Charter Rolls, i. 322.]

This grant was commuted in 1247, as being contrary to public policy, since the manor of Steyning included the towns of Winchelsea and Rye (Charter Roll, *u.s.*).

[1066–87.] **254.** Charter by William I to the monks of Fleury-sur-Loire.

Vaudreuil. Confirming to them the church of St. James sur Beuvron, granted by Duke Richard III and Robert, his brother. For the defence of his realm the King erected a castle round that church, and assigned to the castle many rights to which it had no claim, e. g. tolls, a market, and a fair.

Stapleton, *Magni Rotuli Scaccarii Normanniae*, i, p. xci (source not stated).

Probably an abridgement of No. 6 *a*, *supra*.

[1067–83.] **255.** Grant by Girold, *miles Christi*, in the presence and with the consent of King William [I] to the nuns of St. Amand of Rouen.

Of the church of Roumare, the tithe of four mills, the tithe of his market at Arques, and other gifts.

Witness: Osbern de Neufmarché (*Novo Foro*); Walter the Priest; Droco de Peissi. *Signa*: King William; Queen Matilda; Girold; Robert and William, the King's son.

[Pat. Norm. 7 Hen. V, pt. 2, m. 39 (copy).

Pommeraye, *Saint-Amand*, p. 80; *Monasticon*, vii. 1101; Round, *C. D. F.* 88.]

This is probably 'Geroldus dapifer' who appears in *Orderic Vitalis* (ii. 113) as the castellan of Neufmarché about 1064. Girold's gift is dated by Round 1067. The date of the confirmation may however be later.

256. Grant by Hilbert de Laci and Hadrude his wife to the Holy Trinity of the Mount at Rouen. [1067–87.]

Of the manor of Tuisuicz and the tithe of Fréteval, for the health of his own soul and that of his lord, King William, and his wife and his son Hugh.

Witnesses: King William; Ilbert de Lacy; Hadrude his wife.

[Original at Winchester College.
Archaeological Journal, vol. iv, p. 249.]
Seal of Hilbert de Lacy (facsimile in *Arch. Journal*, *u.s.*).

257. Memorandum (wrongly described in the inspeximus as a charter). [1066–87.]

That William the Conqueror gave to St. Florent of Saumur the church of Andover with its appurtenances, namely one hide and thirteen acres and the tithe of all his demesne in the said parish, and pasture for twelve oxen and horses and all the sheep and kine of the monks, and firewood, and pannage for ten swine.

[Pat. Roll, 8 Ed. II, pt. 2, m. 1 (copy).
Monasticon, vii. 992.]
Andover appears in *D. B.* as a manor in the King's demesne (i. 39), but the church is not mentioned.

258. Precept by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to R[obert] Count of Eu, H[ugh] de Montfort, and R[ichard], son of Count G[ilbert]. [1067–87.]

That the lands and men of St. Edmunds [Bury] are to remain in peace as on the day when the King crossed the sea. The men of St. Edmund whom P[eter] de Valognes holds in captivity are to be released. The Abbot is to have justice on Peter de Valognes and all others who have done him wrong since the King crossed the sea.

[Copy in Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38.]
Apparently the persons addressed are acting as justiciars in the absence of the King from England.

259. * Notification (spurious) by William to all his lieges. [1069–87.] Westminster.

That he has granted the monks of Whitby and the Prior Serlo their liberties and free customs as fully as the royal power can give these to any church. They and all their men, wherever they buy or sell anything, are to be free from all customs and demands of kings, earls, barons, lords and their bailiffs. He forbids on pain of the royal forfeiture that any man interfere with their lands or tenants, or with the forests and beasts of the chase within their demesne, or with their waters in the port of Whitby.

Witness: W[illiam] de Percy.

[Copies in P. R. O. Charter Rolls, 5 Ed. II, m. 6, No. 17; 7 Ed. III, No. 37; 5 & 6 Ric. II, No. 11; 9 & 10 Ric. II, No. 12; 8 Hen. IV, No. 5; 21–4 Hen. VI, m. 18; Pat. Roll, 4 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 7–6 [Cal. 356]; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV [Cal. 393]; Confirmation Rolls, 7 Hen. VIII, pt. 1, No. 14; 9 & 10 Eliz., No. 1.
Whitby Cartulary, i. 147, ii. 53; *Monasticon*, i. 412, No. 5.]
This charter must be condemned as spurious on internal evidence. Mr. Atkinson, the editor of the Cartulary, argues that it is genuine, but on very unconvincing grounds (i. p. xlviii).

260. Notification by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to L[anfranc] the Abp., R[obert] Count of Eu, Haimo the sheriff [of Kent], H[aimo], *Dapifer*, and R[ichard] fitz Godbert [*lege* Gilbert]. [1070–87.] Winchester.

That he has not granted to R[obert] Count of Eu the hunting of his monks of Battle. 'Quapropter si ibidem movit feram aliquam quam ibi acceperit vel ipse vel aliquis suorum hominum, et ipse in nostra recognoverit presentia vel sui, vadimonium ejus accipite et per fidejussores eum mittite. Idipsum de hominibus ejus facite nisi eorum defensor velit esse; quod si illius homines negaverint hoc fecisse, illud idem judicium quod judicaretis super illos qui hoc facerent in dominico meo de hominibus ejusdem R. comitis judicate, de materia mea truncata et carro in via mea ab hominibus ejusdem comitis accepto, et de omnibus aliis clamoribus quod audieritis, rectum facite monachis meis sicut

michimet. Et si aliqui sunt qui vobis obedire noluerint, mittite ante me et ego rectum faciam eis. Te autem, Roberte, comes de Ou, ut meum fidelem deprecor quatenus ad opus ecclesie mee de Bello pro amore meo dones de silva tua monachis meis et ad ignem eorum similiter, et volo ut eos in loco meo adjuves. Insuper manerium quod Wi [Wye, co. Kent] vocatur cum clausuris et consuetudinibus omnibus sicut melius et liberius tenui vel teneri potui eis concedo et concessi.'

Witnesses: William Earl Warenne; R[ichard] fitz Gilbert; R. miles.

[Copies in Patent Roll, 10 Hen. VI, pt. 1, membranes 22 and 21; Confirmation Roll, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 8.
Calendar Pat. Rolls, 10 Hen. VI, p. 172.]

[1070–87.] Westminster.

261. Mandate (? spurious) by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury, Haymo of Kent, Walter the sheriff,[1] and all the King's sheriffs and all his barons French, English, and Welsh.

That the church of St. Martin of Battle and all its manors (enumerated) shall be free and quit of all custom; from sac and soc, toll and theam, infangthief, geld, scot, *murdrum*, and all aids and castle-works and park-works and bridge-works, and hidage and danegeld, and pleas and plaints, and shires and hundreds, and lestage and stallage, and essarts and enclosures, and fyrd-service. The abbot and monks are to have sole cognizance of *murdrum* discovered on their lands; and the possession of all treasure-trove. Their men are to be free of toll all over England.

Witnesses: Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Stigand Bp. of Chichester.

Seal lost.

[B. M. Cotton Charter XVI. 28 (original). Copies in P. R. O. Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 56; 22 Ed. III, No. 32; 4 Ric. II, No. 16; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 15; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5.
Calendar Charter Rolls, iii. 197.]

[1] The membrane of the original is torn at the point where the name of the shire should occur.

[1070–87.] Winchester.

262. * Notification (spurious or interpolated) by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to the clergy and laity throughout England.

That, by the advice of Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury, and Stigand Bp. of Chichester, and the advice of his bishops and barons, he has granted and confirmed that the church of St. Martin at Battle 'quam fundavi ex voto ob victoriam quam mihi Deus in eodem loco contulit' be free for ever from all services 'et omnibus quaecunque humana mens excogitare potest'. The church and its *leuga* are to be as free from episcopal oppression as that church 'quae mihi coronam tribuit et per quam viget decus nostri regiminis'. The Bishop of Chichester to have no jurisdiction over it, just as though it were a royal chapel ('sicut mea dominica capella'). When an abbot dies his successor is to be elected unless it should be impossible to find a suitable person in the abbey.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; Stigand Bp. of Chichester. Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester.[1]

[Copies in Cartae Antiquae (olim), G. No. 4; Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 56; 22 Ed. III, No. 32; 4 Ric. II, No. 16; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, No. 15; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5. Transcript in Cotton MS. Cleop. E. I, fo. 92 v°.
Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Normannica*, p. 15; from Selden's edition of Eadmer's *Hist. Novorum*, p. 165; *Chron. Monast. de Bello*, p. 181; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, iii. 195.]

[1] 'Qui omnes, me praesente et audiente, horum preceptorum meorum et constitutionum violatores perpetuo anathemate damnaverunt.'

[1075–87.]

263. *Notification (spurious) by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to L[anfranc] the Abp. and S[tigand] Bp. of Chichester, and all his barons and lieges.

That he has granted—for the soul of his predecessor Edward and himself

and of his own wife and children, and for the salvation of all his kindred dead and living—that the church of St. Martin, 'quam ecclesiam de Bello appellare volui ob victoriam michi a Deo in eodem loco concessam', together with the *leuga* lying round about, shall remain free from every geld and scot and aid of earthly service, with sac and soc, tol and team, infangthief and utfangthief and warpeni, and shall be free from every custom and from subjection to bishops and all others, even as Christ Church, Canterbury. And has granted the manors of Wye [co. Kent], Alciston [co. Sussex], Limpsfield [co. Surrey], Hooe [co. Sussex], Brightwaltham [co. Berks.], Crowmarsh [co. Oxford], with their members and appendages, free from all plaints and shires and hundreds and pleas and tallages and aids and exactions of whatsoever powers. The abbot and monks to have free warren in all their lands; and the abbot may kill one or two beasts (*feras*) when he goes through the forest. No forester is to meddle with the woods of the abbot and monks, which are in the forest, but they are to have all the rights which the King has in his own woods. The King also confirms all gifts, past and future, made by earls, barons, and other lieges to the monastery.

Witnesses: Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury; S[tigand] Bp. of Chichester; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester.

[Copies in Cartae Antiquae (olim). G. No. 2; Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 56; 22 Ed. III, No. 32; 4 Ric. II, No. 16; Pat. Rolls, 10 Hen. VI, pt. 1, m. 22; 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, No. 15; Confirmation Roll, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 8.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 196; *Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 10 Hen. VI, p. 171.]
The mention of utfangthief shows the forger's hand; so also that of tallage.

264. Letter by the monks of Canterbury (addressed to Henry II), relating how in the time of William I knight's fees were created on the lands of Archbishop Lanfranc. 'Quia vero non erant adhuc tempore Regis Willielmi milites in Anglia, sed Threnges, precepit Rex ut de eis milites fierent ad terram defendendam. Fecit autem Lanfrancus Threngos suos milites; monachi vero non fecerunt, sed de portione sua ducentas libratas terre dederunt Archiepiscopo, ut per milites suos terras eorum defenderet, et ut omnia negotia eorum apud Curiam Romanam suis expensis expediret. Unde adhuc in tota terra monachorum nullus miles est, sed in terra Archiepiscopi. Terram autem ducentarum librarum adhuc habent Archiepiscopi.' [1070–87.]

[Somner, *Gavelkind*, App. XXI; Spelman, *Gloss.* s.v. *Dreng.*]

265. Precept (in English and Latin languages) by William I to Gosfregth (*Goisfrid* in Lat. text) the sheriff and all his lieges of London. [1070–87.]

Not to take stags or hinds or roe-deer (*capreoli*) in the manor of Harrow (Herga) which belongs to Abp. Lanfranc. No one is to hunt there without the Archbishop's command or licence.

[Bibliotheca Cottoniana (1705).
Hickes, *Thesaurus*, Praefatio, p. 16; *Monasticon*, i. 111, No. 39.]
For Gosfregth the sheriff see No. 15, *supra*.

266. Confirmation (? spurious) by William I to the church of St. Mary at Stow. [1070–87.]

Of the gift which Earl Leofric and Godiva his wife made of Newark and Fledborough [co. Notts.], and the wapentake of Welle [co. Lincoln]; and granting, at the prayer of Bp. Remigius, the church of Eynsham [co. Oxford] with the lands which it now possesses; 'tali pacto ut ibi Abbas per meum consilium ordinetur, qui res ecclesiarum sapienter tractet: abbatia autem in meo dominio maneat sicut cetere per Angliam.' And granting the bishops of Lincoln the manor (*predium*) of Sleaford, in compensation for the claims which they have against the church of Stow. 'Et hoc facio consilio et testimonio L[anfranci] archiepiscopi.'

Witnesses: E[dward] the sheriff; R. de Oilli.

[Eynsham Register, Dean and Chapter, Christ Church, Oxford (copy).
Cartulary of Eynsham, i. 32; *Monasticon*, iii. 14.]

The see of Dorchester was removed to Lincoln *c.* 1078. For an argument that this charter is by William I see Mr. Salter's note. Newark is entered in *D.B.* (i. 283 *b*) as formerly belonging to the Countess Godiva, but now to the Bp. of Lincoln; and similarly Fledborough (i. 284). For Eynsham see *D.B.* i. 155: 'Ipse episcopus tenet Eglesham et Columbanus monachus de eo.'

In 1086 two-thirds of the forfeitures of Welle wapentake were claimed by St. Mary [of Lincoln] and the third part by the earl. All these forfeitures the King had in his own hand [*D.B.* i. 376]. It is difficult to resist the conclusion that this charter is a forgery.

[1070–87.] **267.** Notification by William I to Bp. Walchelin [of Winchester] and Hugo de Port [sheriff of Hants] and Edward [sheriff of Wilts.] and Oda and Ægelsi and Saulf and Ælfsi at Haeccan [1] and Cole and Eadric, and all his thanes of Hants and Wilts.

That the King's will is that St. Peter [of Winchester] and Bp. Walchelin be worthy of all the rights that Bp. Alfwin had in King Edward's day. The persons addressed are not to hinder the Bishop in the enjoyment of these rights; for the King does not desire that any new customs should be imposed on St. Peter and Bp. Walchelin.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 10 Ed. II, m. 6, No. 7; P. R. O. Exchequer Transcripts, No. 4.
Calendar Charter Rolls, iii. 348.]

[1] Exch. Transcript *and Haeccan*. The place in question is Hatch in Basingstoke Hundred. Alsi held a hide here T. R. E., but in 1086 it had passed to Gosfrid, the chamberlain of the King's daughter (*D. B.* i. 49 *a*). Oda the King's thane appears in Hants (i. 49 *b*) and also in Wilts (i. 73 *b*).

[1070–87.] London, 'at the witangemot.' **268.** *Notification (spurious) by William to Walkelin Bp. [of Winchester], and Hugh de Port and Edward the sheriffs, and his thanes of Hants and Wilts.

That he has granted to the convent at Winchester their land at Buttermere to hold as freely as they had it in the days of Wlwic the monk, in the time of King Canute, when Wlwic became a monk at Winchester.

Witnesses: Walkelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Odo; Algelin; Ralph; Ælfsi; Eadric; V|ill / Cō|qr.

[B. M. Cotton Charter VII. 15 (pretended original).]

Buttermere is mentioned three times in the Wiltshire Domesday, but in none of these entries is there any mention of the monks of Winchester (*D. B.* i. 70, 72, 74 *b*).

[1070–87.] **269.** Notification by William I to all his men and lieges.

That he has confirmed to the hospital of St. Leonard at York the ancient alms on which the said hospital is founded (*supra qua dictum hospitale fundatum existit*); namely from each plough that ploughs in Yorkshire one *trava* of corn.

Witnesses: T[homas] the Archbishop; Geoffrey Baynard; Ralph Paganel, and others.

[Dodsworth MS. (Bodleian) No. 7, fo. 11 v° (transcript).
Monasticon, vii. 609 (from Leland's *Collectanea*, i. 43).]

The Historia Fundationis (*Mon.* vii. 608) ascribes this grant to the Conqueror.

[1078–87.] **270.** Notification by William I, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to Os[mund] the Bp. [of Salisbury], E[dward] the sheriff, and all the thanes of Wiltshire.

That Bp. Walchelin of Winchester has, at the King's prayer, granted to William Escudet, the King's cook, the land which Wlward Belgisone held in Alton Priors [co. Wilts.], pertaining to the maintenance of the monks of the Bishop's archdeacon. The cook is to render service to the Bishop for that land, and after the cook's death it shall revert to the maintenance of the said brethren.

Witnesses: Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Stigand Bp. of Chichester; Edward, Sheriff of Wilts.; Hugo, Sheriff of Hants; Robert de Oilli, Constable; Ralph

de Mortimer; Robert Malet; Roger de Ivry, *Pincerna*; Walter de Lacy; Ralph de Limesey; Humphrey the Chamberlain; the *Dapifer* of the Count of Ponthieu; Geoffrey, son of Hersendis; Richard, the man of the Bishop; Robert de Floriaco, the clerk of the Bishop; William of Chichester, the Archdeacon.

[Copy in Charter Roll, 10 Ed. II, m. 7, No. 9.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 345.]
William Scudet appears in Domesday (i. 65 *b*) as holding 3 hides in Alton Priors from the Bp. of Winchester.

271. *Mandate (spurious) by William I to S[? Gausbertus] Abbot of Battle. [1071–87.]
Not to grant any part of the *leuga* lying round the church of Battle—'quam in memoriam Normannorum victorie extendi mensura Normannice leuge constitui'—as an hereditary estate, but to grant it with the counsel of the monks to his men at a rent. 'Notificatum enim est michi quod famulis tuis quos [ed. quod] tecum adduxisti partem plurimam predicte leuge in feudo dedisti, quod omnino defendo, et ut irritum fiat super forisfacturam meam jubeo ne libertatem, quam eidem ecclesie concessi, destrui ab aliquibus contingat. Nunc ergo me ad Normanniam transeunte, predictam leugam sicut tibi tradidi liberam et quietam constitue; quia cum ad Angliam, Deo favente, rediero, per vos transibo et qualiter nostra ecclesia sit constructa et ordinata videbo, et si ea quae nunc tibi mando interim implere distuleris, ego per me eandem ecclesiam a servorum dominatione sicut meam dominicam capellam, deo auxiliante, liberabo, et tibi sicut rebelli michique resistenti dignam vindictam recompensabo.'
Witnesses: W. Bp. of Durham; Haimo, *Dapifer*; Ivo Taillebois.

[Copies in Pat. Roll, 10 Hen. VI, pt. 1, membranes 22 and 21; Confirmation Roll, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 8.
Calendar Pat. Rolls, 10 Hen. VI, p. 172.]

272. Grant by William, King of England by hereditary right, to St. Cuthbert and William Bp. of Durham and his successors. [1080–7.]
Of Welton (co. Yorks.) with its appurtenances, with soc and sac and all the customs thereto pertaining, to hold as well and quietly as the said Confessor holds his other lands.

[Liber Vitae, Durham Cathedral (copy).
Stevenson, *Liber Vitae* (Surtees Soc. 1841), p. 76.]
The above date is given on the assumption that the *Liber Vitae* is correct in making this a grant to Bp. William. But the *Liber Rubeus* (see *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptt. Tres*, p. ccccxxiv ff., makes Bp. Walcher the recipient of the grant. Welton appears in *D.B.* as belonging to the Bp. of Durham (i. 304 *b*). Simeon of Durham makes Bp. William the recipient. Cf. No. 231, *supra*.

273. *Notification (spurious), ('notum sit omnibus tam praesentibus quam futuris'), by William I, generally addressed. [1071–87.]
That, having inspected the charters of the church of Glastonbury, he grants to that church for ever certain lands claimed as belonging thereto by hereditary right: viz. Middleton [co. Somerset], Fulebroc, Berwes [co. Somerset], Burmigton [co. Hants], Lime [Uplyme, co. Devon], Blakeford [co. Somerset], Witone [co. Somerset].
Witnesses: W. Bp. of Durham; Lanfranc Abp. [of Canterbury]; Thomas Abp. [of York]; Walkelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Robert Count of Mortain (*Maure*).

[Bodleian, MS. Ashmole 790, fo. 105 (copy).
Monasticon, i. 27.]
A charter of Henry I to Glastonbury (*Monasticon*, No. 44) mentions a charter by which his father confirmed the places above-named to that church. The document before us may therefore be a clumsy attempt to reconstruct a lost charter. Fulebroc, Berwes, and Burmigton are not catalogued among the abbey's possessions in Domesday.

[1080–7.] **274.** Notification by William I to all his lieges of Middlesex.

That he has granted to St. Paul's, London, the twenty-four hides near the city which King Ethelbert gave to the church when he founded it, free and quit for ever from Danegeld and all other gelds, from host-service and all work-service.

Witnesses: Abp. Lanfranc; William Bp. of Durham; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in 'Statuta Minora' (Dean and Chapter Library), fo. 71 v°; P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae (olim), A 3; CC 16; Confirmation Rolls, 2 Ric. III, pt. 2, No. 10; 2 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 9; 3 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 11; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 1, pt. 7, No. 7; 2 Eliz., pt. 2, No. 7; 3 Jas. I, pt. 3, No. 10; Charter Roll, 9 Ed. II, No. 37. Also in Cotton Vesp. B. XV, fo. 40 *b* (late transcript); Cambridge Univ. Library MS. 1075, fo. 79.

Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 291; *Foedera*, i. 3 (witnesses imperfect); Simpson's *Registrum*, p. 113; Dugdale's *St. Paul's*, App. XIX.]

Cf. No. 246, *supra*.

[1080–7.] **275.** Notification by William [I] to Remigius, Bp. of Lincoln, and H[ugh] de Port and all of Nottinghamshire.

That he has given to St. Peter and the monks of Westminster the churches of Uppingham, Werleia and Beltuna in Rutland, with all the liberties and appurtenances which they had in the time of King Edward.

Witnesses: William Bp. of Durham; Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]: Robert Count of Meulan; Robert de Oilli.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 243; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 62.

Monasticon, i. 301, No. xlii.]

These churches are not mentioned in Domesday. But the witnesses are identical with those to other reputed charters of William I in favour of Westminster Abbey.

[1082–7.] **276.** Notification by William I to Gosfrid Bp. [of Coutances] and Robert Count of Mortain.

To assemble all those who held land of the demesne (*de dominico victu*) of Ely. The King's will is that the church should have them as at the day of King Edward's death. If any man claims to hold by the King's gift, the King desires to know the size of the tenement which he claims and the conditions of his tenure. The King, according to this information, will give an exchange or make other provision for the claimant. Abbot Symeon is to have all the customs pertaining to the Church of Ely, as his predecessor had them in Edward's day. The Abbot is to be seised of those theinlands which pertained to the abbey on the day of Edward's death, if the tenants cannot come to an agreement with him. To the assembly in question are to be summoned William of Warenne, Richard, son of Count Gilbert, Hugo de Montfort, Geoffrey de Mandeville, Ralph de Beaufou, Hervey of Bourges, Harduin de Escalers, and others whose names the Abbot will give.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Tib. A. VI, fo. 106; Trin. Coll. Camb. O. 2. 1; O. 2. 41; Cotton MS. Titus A. 1, fo. 27.

Inq. Com. Camb. p. xix; Bentham's *Hist. Ely* (1771), App. 10* (No. 3); *Liber Eliensis* (1848), pp. 256–7; Bigelow, *Placita Anglo-Norm.*, p. 25.]

This should be compared with the series of Ely documents calendared above (Nos. 153–6). It may belong to the year 1082; but it differs from the rest of the series, in not mentioning Lanfranc.

[1085–7.] **277.** Notification (bilingual) by William I to Osmund Bp. of Salisbury and Robert of Ely, and Peter de Valognes, and all his sheriffs and lieges.

That he has granted to Maurice Bp. of London the castle of Stortford, and all the land which Bp. William, his predecessor, held from the King; and also all the land which William the Deacon, and Ralph his brother hold of the King. The addressees are to cause Bp. Maurice to hold honourably all that he has in their shires. And he is to be worthy of his sac and soc and customs as Bp. William was before him.

['Ex Cod. MS. penes praef. D. et Cap. not. A. f. 1. a.'
Dugdale, *St. Paul's*, App. XXIII; Leland's *Collectanea* (ed. Hearne), i (2), 358 (abridged).]

For Stortford see *D.B.* i. 134: 'Hoc manerium tenuit Eddeva Pulchra et ipsum est de feudo quem emit Willelmus episcopus.' The castle is not mentioned. The record mentions a claim of the Bishop upon the manor of Hadham, belonging to the Abbot of Ely; but this claim is rebutted by the verdict of the shire (*D.B.* i. 134 *b*).

278. Notification by William to M[aurice] Bp. of London and G[eoffrey] de Mandeville, and all of London. [1085–7.] Westminster.

That he has confirmed to St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot G[ilbert] the gift of Alward of London, namely the Church of St. Mary Newchurch; to be held with sac and soc, toll and team and *latrocinium*. No one is to do the abbey wrong (*torturam*) in this respect.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; Robert de Meulan; H.[1] Earl of Warwick; R[obert] de Oilli; R[oger] Bigod.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 529; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 64.
Monasticon, i. 302, No. xlv; Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 131.]

This purports to be the grant mentioned in a charter of William II (*infra*, No. 306) which relates to the same property. This is, with one omission, the same list of witnesses as in the forged charter Cotton XVI. 30 (No. 216) of 1080–5.

[1] 'Hugone', *Monasticon*; R. MSS.

279. *Notification (spurious) by William I to all his true friends in all those shires where St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot Gilbert have lands. [1085–7.]

That the Abbot is to have sac and soc, toll and team, and all thieves taken on his property, on the highway or off the highway; no one is to meddle with his land or with his men.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 47; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 113.
Monasticon, i. 301, No. xxxviii.]

Attributed to William I by the compiler. The salutation is in the 3rd person.

280. Letter by Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury to Robert Bp. of Coventry. [1086–7.]

Lanfranc, hearing that the Bishop refused to read his previous letter and threw it down, writes again to order the Bishop, in the King's name and his own, to forbear from oppressing the monks of Coventry.

[*Opera Lanfranci*, Ep. xxix.]

281. *Notification (spurious) by William I to all bishops, barons, &c. [1086–7.] Westminster.

Of a grant to the prior and monks of St. Cuthbert of all liberties and customs granted by earlier kings to the saint's ministers and servants. They are to have free disposition of all their lands and churches in the realm. The dignity of archdeacon is confirmed to Prior Turgot.

Witnesses: Thomas Abp. of York; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Maurice Bp. of London; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; John Bp. [of Bath and Wells?]; Earl William, Earl Henry, the King's sons; Robert Count of Meulan; Alan Count of Brittany; Robert Fitz Haimon; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Urse of Abetot.

[Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus, lf. 65 *b*; Cart. i, lf. 46 *a*; P. R. O. Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 1.
Feodarium Prioratus Dunelm. (Surtees 1872) lxxiii–lxxiv; Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, App. No. VIII.]

See the remarks of the Rev. W. Greenwell in *Feodarium Priorat. Dunelm.*, *u.s.* Odo Bp. of Bayeux would not appear at the court of William I in the time of Maurice Bp. of London.

282. Notification by William to Bp. Wul[fstan] and Ur[se] of Abetot and Os[bert] fitz Ri[chard] and all his barons and lieges of Worcestershire. [1080–7.]

Signifying his will that the land of Leng [? Sheriff's-Lench, co. Worcester], which he restored for his soul's health to the church of Evesham for the use of the table of the brethren, shall be free from all geld and castle-work and all customs.

Witness: William Bp. of Durham.

[Copy in Evesham Cartulary, MS. Cotton Vesp. B. XXV, 18 (olim 15).]

See No. 245, *supra*. Date given by the appearance of William Bp. of Durham.

[1070–87.] **283.** Notification by William I to T. the sheriff and all the sheriffs in the bishopric of Bp. Remigius.

By the authority and advice of Pope Alexander and his legates and Abp. Lanfranc and the bishops of the kingdom, the King has transferred the see of Dorchester to the city of Lincoln. He has given a site for the church in that city, making it free of all customs. He has also given the manors of Welton and Sleaford; the churches of Kirkton, Castor, and Wellinghore, with their lands and tithes. Also the tithes of the said manors; also the churches of St. Lawrence and St. Martin in Lincoln. Also the manor of Lestona [co. Beds.] which Earl Waltheof long ago gave to Bp. Remigius by the King's hand; and another called Waburna which the King himself gave to Remigius with his pastoral staff. Also the four churches of Bedford, Lestona, Buckingham, Aylesbury, which his predecessors held and which the King has already confirmed to him.

Witnesses: L[anfranc] Abp. [of Canterbury]; E. the sheriff.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 3 Ed. III, No. 51; 2 Rich. II, No. 5; Pat. Rolls, 2 Rich. II, pt. 1, m. 5; 2 Ed. IV, pt. 4; Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, m. 14, No. 2. *Monasticon*, viii. 1269.]

T. is probably Turold, the grandfather of William of Roumare.

The Bishop did not receive the whole manor of Lestona, but only an estate of four hides within the manor (*D. B.* i. 209). Welton and Sleaford and Waburna were his (ib. i. 144, 344, 344 *b*); so were two churches in Lincoln (i. 336). In 1086 he claimed the churches of Castor (i. 338 *b*), of Bedford (i. 210 *b*), Aylesbury and Buckingham (i. 143). In Wellinghore the church is entered as belonging to St. Peter of Lincoln, the manor as *terra regis* (*D. B.* i. 337 *b*). If this charter be genuine, we must conclude either that it was issued after the Domesday Survey, or that the King had not fulfilled his promises. The use of the word *dudum* in reference to the gifts of Lestona and Waburna makes it probable that the grant dates from the later years of the reign.

[1086–7.] **284.** Notification by William to W[alkelin] Bp. [of Winchester] and H[ugh] de Port and all of Hants.

That he has restored to Thomas Abp. of York a hide of land pertaining to the church of Motesfunda, to hold as well as Abp. Aldred held it in the time of King Edward, with rights of common of pasture for so many beasts as could be kept there in the time of King Edward: as was testified before the Bp. of Durham and Bertram de Verdun, and defined (*divisum*) by the men of the shire.

Witnesses: W[illiam] Bp. of Durham; Bertram de Verdun.

[Liber Albus, York Minster, Part I, fo. 62 and 62 v° (copies). *Monasticon*, viii. 1177.]

Cf. *D. B.* i. 42 (Hants): 'Thomas Archiepiscopus tenet in manerio de Mortesfunde unam aecclesiam et VI capellas. . . . Huic aecclesiae pertinent V hidae una virgata minus . . . De his V hidis abstulerunt prepositi regis I hidam . . . sicut dicit hundret. Hoc fecit Caua prepositus nesciente Hugone de Port.'

Before the names of the witnesses comes the valediction, *Valete*. Also there is, at fo. 63 of the Liber Albus, a third copy giving a different attesting clause: 'teste ipso rege et archiepiscopo Thoma et S. (? G.) Cancellario.' Probably in both copies the witnesses are a copyist's addition.

[1086–7.] **285.** Charter by William I to the Abbey of St. Amand at Rouen.

Confirming the gift by Maurice Bp. of London to the Abbey of St. Amand of his tithes in the forest of Aliermont and elsewhere.

Witnesses: William, the King's son; Robert Count of Mortain; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Robert the *Dispensator*. *Signa*: King William; William, the King's son; Robert the Count; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Cartulary of St. Amand (Archives of Seine-Inférieure), fo. 9 (copy). Round, *C. D. F.* 94 (calendared); Pommeraye, *Saint-Amand* (1662), p. 82.

286. *Charter (spurious) by William I to the monks of Durham.

Granting in pure and perpetual alms the vill of Hemmingburgh [co. York] with all the land of Brackenholm [co. York], with the church of the afore-

said vill and all customs and liberties with which the King had it, when he held it in his own hand after the Conquest (*post victoriam Anglie*) and with the same bounds as in his time or in that of Earls Tostig or Siward.

Witnesses: King William; Thomas Abp. of York; William Bp. of Durham; John Bp. of Bath; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Baldwin Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds; Moreal the sheriff; Hugh Earl of Chester; Arnold de Percy; Robert the *Dispensator*; Guido the Abbot; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; William, the King's son; Robert Earl of Northumberland; Richard de Courcy; Robert de Redvers; Robert Bloet; Robert the chaplain; Philip, son of the Earl of Chester; Alan de Lincoln; Ranulf the King's clerk; Maurice the chaplain; Philip, son of Earl Roger; Robert de Redvers (*sic*); Richard de Bundevilla; Robert de Hulmets.

[Copies in Durham Cathedral, I^ma^ I^mae^, Regalium, No. 9; Cartularium, iii, fo. 69; P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae (olim), Roll N, No. 40; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 27; Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 1.

D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 33 (calendared); Hickes, *Dissert. Epist.* p. 71 (facsimile); *Monasticon*, i. 240; Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptt. Tres*, App. p. xxi, No. xii.]

These lands do not appear among the Yorkshire possessions of St. Cuthbert in Domesday. Simeon of Durham refers to the grant of William I. But this charter is an obvious forgery. John Bp. of Bath is an impossible witness.

287. *Notification (spurious) by William I, King of England and Duke of Normandy, to all his officials. Winchester.

That he has granted to God and St. Peter and St. Swithin and Walchelin Bp. of Winchester, and the monks of the said church, their liberty: to wit, sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief, mundbrice, hamsocne, forsteal, and all forfeitures great and little and all the customs which King Edward gave to the said church. The lands and tenants of the monks are to be quit of shires and hundreds, pleas and plaints, and all gelds and customs.

Witness: Roger the Chancellor.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 10 Ed. II, No. 7; 9 Ed. III, No. 40; 4 Ric. II, No. 10; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 6, m. 6; Confirmation Rolls, 4 Hen. VII, pt. 2, Nos. 13 and 18; 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 2, and pt. 3, No. 5; P. R. O. Exchequer Transcripts, No. 4.

Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 348.]

No Chancellor of the name of Roger in the reign of William I. The scribe may have wrongly expanded the abbreviation *Ro.* for Robert (Chancellor of William II, 1087–94). But Rufus would not describe himself as *dux Normannorum*. This charter must be condemned as spurious.

288. *Confirmation (spurious) by Hugh Bp. of Lisieux, to the Abbey of Préaux.

Of the synodal dues from St. Michael's church.

Signa: King William; Queen Matilda; Michael Bp. of Avranches; William Bp. of Évreux; Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux; Goisfrid Bp. of Coutances; Goisfrid de Chaumont; Robert fitz Ansketill; Count Robert, the King's son; Humphrey de Bohun; Roger de Beaumont; Roger de Montgomery; Robert de Beaumont; [Robert] Count of Mortain; William, *Dapifer*; Henry de Beaumont; Geoffrey Bainard; Adeliza, wife of Bainard; Roger and William, sons of Bainard. Witnesses: Geoffrey fitz Girmund; Ralph fitz Gerold; Geoffrey de Gorneville; Robert fitz Ascelin of Giruavilla and Corbuina; Richard fitz Grip the clerk. Witnesses on the part of the Abbey: Ralph Ædilis; Geoffrey the clerk; Osbern the porter; Serlo the baker; Ralph Piat; Walter de Salerna.

[*Neustria Pia*, p. 523 (abstract).]

As William Bp. of Evreux died in 1066, while Gilbert Bp. of Lisieux was appointed in 1077, this would seem to be spurious.

288a. Record of a grant by Ivo Taillebois, with the consent of William I, to St. Nicholas of Angers, and abbot Natalis. 1085. Gloucester.

Of the church of Spalding [co. Lincoln] with one carucate of land, &c. The abbot agreed to place three monks there. If the substance of the church increases, the number of monks is to be enlarged, and they are to make such

a charitable contribution as they can to the brethren of St. Nicholas every year. This agreement Ivo made with abbot Natalis, by the King's consent, at Gloucester.

Witnesses: Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; William Bp. of Durham; Hugo; Waldric; Normannus Crassus; John, the abbot's knight; Nigel the knight; Ivo the knight; Hormer the priest.

[*Monasticon*, iii. 216, No. 7 (ex veteri apographo penes . . . Oldfield armig. (1648)).]
This grant is not mentioned in Domesday Book.

1070–87. **288 b.** Precept by William I to William [of Cahaignes], sheriff of Northampton.

To cause Abbot Ailsi [of Ramsey] to have Isham, as he proved his right to it [in the shire-court] at Northampton, and as it was testified by sworn witnesses, for the use of St. Benedict.

Witness: R[oger] Bigot.

[Palgrave, *Commonwealth*, ii, clxxix from Brady, Pref. xlix.]

II

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[1087 (?).] Lega. **289.** Precept by William II to his sheriffs in the shires where Abingdon Abbey holds lands.

That the Abbey have sac and soc and all its customs, as in the time of King Edward and of William I; and in like manner the hundred of Hormer [co. Berks.].

Witnesses: Eudo, *Dapifer*; *Per* Ralph de Languetot.

[B. M. Cotton MS. Claud. B. VI (copy).
Hist. Mon. Abingdon, ii. 17.]
Assigned by the Abingdon historian to the beginning of the reign.

[? 1087.] Winchester. **290.** Notification by William II to Osmund Bp. of Salisbury and all his barons, &c., of Wiltshire.

That he by his father's command has granted to the monks of St. Martin of Battle a manor which is called Bromham. They are to hold it as freely as William I held it, with sac and soc, tol and theam and infangenetheof and war-penny and *murdrum* and lestage and bridge-work and castle-work and enclosure-work (*opere clausurarum*), and all gelds, scots, hidages, danegelds, pleas and plaints, suits of shire and hundred and fyrd-service; and freedom from toll for the tenants all over England.

Witnesses: Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigot; Gilbert Fitz Richard.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Aug. II. 27; Aug. II. 53. Also in Charter Roll, 6 Ed. II, No. 55; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 15; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5.
Warner and Ellis, *Facsimiles*, i. 2; *Foedera*, i. 5; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, iii. 197 (from copy of inspeximus of 6 Ed. II, No. 55).]
Warner and Ellis (*l.c.*) think that from the reference to William's father this was issued soon after his coronation (Sept. 26, 1087). The *Chronicon de Bello* (p. 40) mentions this and other gifts as made by Rufus to Battle immediately after his coronation; see also Freeman, *William Rufus*, i. p. 17.

[1087.] **291.** Precept by William II to G[odric] the *Dapifer* and Hermer [de Ferrars].

That the Abbot of St. Edmunds have all his lands and men as well as he had them on the day when the King's father was alive and dead, and on the day when the King lately (*novissime*) came into England.

Witness: Roger Bigot.

[Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38 v° (copy).]
Godric, *Dapifer*, appears in Domesday as a tenant in chief in Norfolk (*D. B.* ii. 202) and Suffolk (ib. ii. 355). He appears to have acted as sheriff in the time of William II (*Ramsey Cart.* i. 235). Hermer [de Ferrars] was a tenant in chief in Norfolk (*D. B.* ii. 205) and in Suffolk (ii. 354), where St. Edmund had soc over his manor of Blachrune.

292. Notification by William II, addressed generally. [? 1087.]

That the soc of eight and a half hundreds belong to St. Edmund as Alfric, son of Wythgar, and after him Ordgar, held it for Queen Emma, and as King Edward granted and William I confirmed it, with six forfeitures, viz. hamsocne, fiht-wite, foresteal, grith-bryce, ebberethef, fyrdwite; and these over all men, French and English.

Witness: Edward of Salisbury [MS. *Ædwardo Episcopo de Sarum*].

[Album Registrum S. Edmundi (B. M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v° (copy).
E. H. R. xxiv. 424–5.]

293. Notification by William II to bishops, earls, and the rest of his barons in those shires where Abbot Baldwin [of St. Edmunds] has lands. [? 1087.]

That the Abbot is to have his abbacy with sac and soc as fully as in the time of the Confessor and William I.

Witness: Edward of Salisbury (*Sar'*).

[Copies in Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 33; Harl. MS. 743, fo. 60.]

294. Precept by William II to all his sheriffs and officials in whose shires St. Edmund [of Bury] has lands and men. [? 1087.]

That they are not to meddle with the lands and men that St. Edmund had in the time of King Edward and of William I, since the King has confirmed these possessions to St. Edmund.

Witness: Edward of Salisbury (MS. *Edwardo Episcopo Sar.*).

[Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38 (copy).]
Edward of Salisbury appears as the standard-bearer of Henry I at the battle of Brémule in 1119 (Orderic, iv. 357). He is named in a Leicestershire survey, 1124–9, as heir of Ralph fitz Hubert (Round, *F. E.* p. 199 ff.); but from the language of the survey it is uncertain if he was still alive.

295. Notification by William II to Abp. L[anfranc], &c. [1087.]

That Abbot Ailsi of Ramsey is to have his sac and soc, toll and infangthief and all the customs of his church as the King's father granted them, and as freely as his predecessor had them on the day when King Edward was alive and dead. The King's lieges are to aid the abbot whenever he needs aid.

Witnesses: Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury]; Roger Bigot.

[P. R. O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 (copy).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 233.]
Abbot Ailsi died in 1087 (*Chron. Ramsey*, i. 340).

296. Notification by William II to Abp. Lanfranc and Baldwin Abbot [of Bury St. Edmunds], &c. [? 1087.]

That he has granted to Herbert, Abbot of Ramsey, sac and soc, tol and theam and infangthief, in borough and out of borough, and all his customs as his predecessor had them in the days of King Edward.

Witnesses: Robert Count of Mortain; *Per* Roger Bigot.

[P. R. O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy); Bodleian MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 234; *Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis*, p. 208.]
Lanfranc died May 24, 1089. But this was probably granted in 1087, the year of Abbot Herbert's appointment.

297. Charter by Robert Duke of Normandy to Abbot William and the Abbey of Fécamp. 1088 July 7.

Restoring the lands of which it has been deprived, including the lands of the burgesses of Fécamp which his father had in wrath taken from the abbey before the day of his death.

Signa : Henry the Count ; Robert the Count, *et alii.*

[Cartulary of Holy Trinity, Fécamp (Public Library, Rouen), fo. 14 v° (copy). Round, *C. D. F.* 117 (calendared).]

This grant was made when Robert was starting for England.

1088 Nov. **298.** Notification by William II to all his lieges.

That the Bp. of Durham and his men have the King's peace through all the realm of England, and are crossing the sea with his peace and licence. 'Ideoque defendo omnibus meae potestatis hominibus ne aliquid mali eis faciant.'

[Simeon of Durham, *Opera* (R. S.) i. 192.]

This safe-conduct was granted when the Bishop went into exile.

1088. **299.** Charter by Robert, Duke of the Normans, son of King William, to the church of Mont-Saint-Michel.

Granting, for his own salvation and that of his father and mother, and of his brother Henry, a market in the village of Ardevon (Manche, Pontorson), and a yearly fair in the same village, and a site on which to build a house in Rouen.

Signa : Count Robert ; R[obert] Count of Meulan ; Simon de Cymilleio ; W[illiam] de Breteuil ; R[alph] the vicomte [of Beaumont in Maine] ; W[illiam] de Turnebu ; Payn de Vilers ; R[alph] Painel ; R[obert], son of Anschitill ; W[illiam] of Arques, the monk ; Aubri de Couci ; R. the chaplain of the Count.

[Original 'dans une collection privée'. Cartulary in Public Library, Avranches (No. 210), fo. 80 v°.

Delisle, *Charte Normande de 1088* (Paris, 1886) ; Round, *C. D. F.* p. 257 (calendared).]

'Haec autem donatio facta est anno incarnationis dominicae MLXXXVIII, praesidente aeclesiae prefatae beati Michaelis de Monte domno Rogero, abbate venerabili atque strenuo.'

[1088.] **300.** Abstract of a gift, made by Bernard of Neufmarché, and confirmed by William II, to St. Peter of Gloucester.

Of Glasbury [co. Brecknock] and the church of Great Cowarne [co. Hereford], and a hide which is called Bache. 'Hoc anno propter werram motam inter primates Angliae destructa est Gloucestria et ecclesia Sancti Petri.'

[Hist. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. (Queen's College, Oxford, MS. CCCLXVII). *Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc.* i. 80.]

Bernard of Neufmarché was among the rebels of 1088. It is not unlikely that his grant was an atonement for the damage done to the abbey. This grant is the earliest evidence of his conquests in Brecknock (J. E. Lloyd, *Hist. of Wales*, ii. 397).

[1088.] **301.** Notification by William II ['Dei gratia rex Anglorum filius Willelmi regis Anglorum'] to archbishops, bishops, &c.

Granting the manor of Hadnam [co. Bucks.] to the church of St. Andrew of Rochester for the support of the monks ; also the manor of Lambeth, as formerly held by the Countess Goda and as the King had it in his demesne. This grant is made to repair the damage which the King did to the church of St. Andrew, when he obtained a victory over his enemies who had unjustly gathered against him in the city of Rochester.

Signa : King William ; Lanfranc Abp. of Canterbury ; Thomas Abp. of York ; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln ; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester ; Maurice Bp. of London ; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury ; Robert Bp. of Hereford ; Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmunds ; Henry, the King's brother ; Count Alan ; Earl Hugh ; [Hugh] de Montfort ; Gilbert de Tonbridge.

[B. M. Campbell Charter, vii. 1 (pretended original) ; Rochester, Dean and Chapter ; Charter Rolls, 50 Hen. III, m. 1 ; 3 Ed. I, m. 2 ; 9 Ed. III, No. 36 ; 10 Ed. III, No. 51 ; Pat. Roll, 2 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 27.

Facs. Nat. MSS. i, No. 4 ; *Foedera*, i. 5 (incomplete) ; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, ii. 194–5 ; Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), p. 382 (without witnesses).]

Date fixed by the appearance of Prince Henry. This charter merely a confirmation of lands which had been acquired by Bp. Gundulf. See Freeman, *William Rufus*, ii. 507.

302. Diploma by William II, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to the church of St. Andrew at Rochester. [1088.]

Granting the church of St. Mary of Lambeth to be held of the King and his successors with all the appurtenances as Countess Goda formerly held it. This the King grants for the souls of his father and mother, and to compensate for the damage which he unwillingly did the church to conquer his enemies who held the city of Rochester against him.

Witnesses: Thomas the Abp. [of York]; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Henry Earl of Warwick; Henry de Ferrers; Roger Bigot; Ivo Taillebois; William Peverel, 'and many others.'

[Copies in B.M. MS. Cotton Dom. A. X. 9; Add. MS. 29437, fo. 8 ('ex libro de Roff.'). Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), p. 459; T. Hearne, *Textus Roffensis* (1720), pp. 213–14; *Monasticon*, i. 173.]

Granted after the surrender of Rochester Castle (1088). In *D. B.* (i. 34) St. Mary's church is entered as holding Lambeth from the Crown. This grant of Rufus to Rochester was therefore inexpensive. The Countess Goda was the sister of Edward the Confessor.

303. Notification by William (? I or II) to all his great men (*primatibus*) and lieges. [1075–88.]

That the canons of St. Paul's are in his protection as fully as they were in the protection of his predecessors, and they are to be free to lease and to dispose of their prebends as they were in the time of Bp. William and other bishops.

Witness: Odo Bp. of Bayeux.

[Copy in 'Liber Pilosus', fo. 13 *b* (Dean and Chapter, St. Paul's). *Hist. MSS. Comm. Rep.* 9, p. 61.]

Probably issued by William I, if genuine. But it is suspicious in form.

304. Notification by William II to Lanfranc the Abp., and Odo of Bayeux, and H[aimo], *Dapifer*, and all the lieges of Kent. [1087–8.]

That he has given to Wido the Abbey of St. Augustine's with all the lands and customs thereto pertaining on the day when Edward was alive and dead. They are therefore to give Wido possession.

Witness: [William] Bishop of Durham.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 8 Hen. IV, No. 1; Pat. Rolls, 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 5; 4 Ed. IV, m. 29. *Calendar of Patent Rolls*, 4 Ed. IV, p. 402; *D. K. R.* xxix, App. p. 43 (calendared).]

Wido, according to the author of the *Historia*, received the abbacy in 1087. His predecessor Scotland died a few days before William I.

305. Mandate by William II to N. the sheriff. [Sept. 26 1087–March 12 1088.]

To cause Bp. Remigius and his canons to have their church of Chirchetona [Kirkton, co. Lincoln] with the tithes pertaining to it, and that of Hiboldestou [Hiberstow, co. Lincs.] in like manner as they had them in the days of the King's father. And to let the King hear no further complaint about the matter.

Witnesses: [William] Bp. of Durham: *Per* William de Werelwast.

[Lincoln 'Registrum Antiquissimum', No. viii (copy).]

William of Durham was outlawed March 12, 1088, and did not return until after the death of Bp. Remigius.

306. Notification by William II (MS. *Henricus*) to Maurice Bp. of London and Geoffrey de Mandeville and the sheriff and all the barons of London. [1087–8.] Winchester.

That he has confirmed to God and St. Peter of Westminster the church called Newchurch as Alward the clerk gave it to the said apostle, and as the King's father confirmed it by his writ. No one is to do wrong (*tortura*) to the monks or meddle therein except by leave of the abbot and monks.

Witnesses: G[osfrid] Bp. of Coutances. W[illiam] Bp. of Durham. R[oger] Bigot.

[Cotton Faust. A. III, fo. 76 (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 137.]
On this charter see Armitage Robinson, *u.s.*

1089 Jan. 6. Westminster.

307. *Charter of foundation (spurious) by William, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum et dux Normannorum,' to the nuns of Armathwaite.

Reciting his gifts of lands and privileges.

[London P. R. O. Pat. Roll, 20 Ed. IV, pt. 1, m. 4.
Monasticon, iii. 271.]
See the remarks of Freeman in *William Rufus*, ii. 506.

1089 April 24. Vernon.

308. Confirmation by Robert Duke of Normandy and Count of Maine to St. Mary of Bayeux.

Of all that Ebremar held from William I, on the day when he became a monk, in land, in houses, in mints and other sources of revenue; and whatever was held from the Duke himself by Samson and the brothers of Ebremar; and the land of William the Chamberlain, &c. William Abp. of Rouen undertakes to anathematize any one who misappropriates any of these possessions.

Signa: Count Robert; William Abp. of Rouen; William Bp. of Durham; Gilbert, Abbot of St. Stephen of Caen; Roger of Ivri, *Pincerna*; Engelramn fitz Ilbert; Richard de Redvers; William the Monk; William Bertrannus; Ranulf, son of Ranulf the *vicomte*; Hugo fitz Baldric; Ranulf the *vicomte*; Aigellus of the Cotentin.

[Livre Noir de Bayeux, fo. 2 (copy).
Bourrienne, *Antiquus Cartularius*, i. 6; Round, *C. D. F.* 1433 (imperfect abstract); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 436 (abstract).]
'Anno igitur ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo octogesimo nono, indictione duodecima, principatus Roberti comitis anno secundo . . . octavo kalendas maii, dum esset idem Robertus comes apud Vernonem . . . iturus in expeditionem in Franciam.'

1089.

309. *Notification (spurious) by William II to all his successors.

Of a grant to St. Mary and St. Edward of Shaftesbury, 'Eularia Abbatissa superstite', of the certain lands to be possessed 'in elemosina'; the donors being Serlo de Burci, Roger de Berkeley, Aiulf the sheriff, Alured, *pincerna*.

Witnesses: King William; Abp. Thomas; Maurice Bp. of London; Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; John Bp. of Bath; Robert Bp. of Chester; Robert Bp. of Hereford; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury.

[Shaftesbury Cartulary, MS. Harl. 61, lf. 23 (copy).]
'Millesimo IX° (*sic*) secundo anno mei imperii.'
This charter is either spurious or grossly inflated.

1089. Eu.

310. Confirmation by Robert Duke of Normandy and Count of Maine.

Assenting to the restoration of the monastery of Saint-Vigor near Bayeux by his uncle Odo Bp. of Bayeux; and granting the monks freedom from toll and passage-money, so far as their own property is concerned; and to the Bishop of Bayeux the right of investing the abbots with the pastoral staff; and to the duke's vassals the right of making grants to the monastery.

Witnesses: Count Robert; Gilbert Bp. of Evreux; William Bp. of Durham; Odo Bp. of Bayeux; William Count of Evreux; Robert Count of Meulan; William de Breteuil; Hugo de Vernon; Richard de Corceio; Engelramn fitz Ilbert; William Crispin; Robert de Montfort; William the monk of Arques; Serlo of Maton; William de Molend[inis]; William Bertranni.

[Black Book of Bayeux, No. 6 (copy).
Bourrienne, *Antiq. Cartularius Eccles. Baiocensis*, i. 11; Round, *C. D. F.* 1434 (abstract, without witnesses); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 437 (abstract).]
'Anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo octogesimo nono, indictione duodecima, secundo anno principatus Roberti Guillelmi regis filii ac Normanniae comitis dum idem Robertus esset ad obsidionem Auci ea die qua idem castrum sibi redditum est, haec carta manu sua firmata est ac sigillo suo assignata.'

311. Notification by William II, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum', generally addressed. [? 1089.]

That he has given the monks of St. Augustine's, Canterbury, sac and soc and grith-bryce and hamfare and forsteal and infangthief and flymenafirmth and toll and team over all their own men and over the free tenants (*allodiarios*) whom he has given to them. No one is to meddle with these men except the reeves appointed by the monks; because the King upholds these privileges, for the redemption of his soul, as the glorious King William did before him.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 173; St. Augustine's Cartulary (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), fo. 67.
Hist. Mon. St. Augustini Cant. p. 355.]
Dated 1089 in the *Chronologia Augustinensis*.

312. Confirmation by William II to Robert de Laci. [1087–9.]

Of all those lands whereof Ilbert de Laci his father died seised.

['Ex autographo nuper in Castello de Pontefract (1675).'
Dugdale's *Baronage*, i. 99 (abstract).]
Ilbert de Lacy died in or shortly before 1087; Robert had succeeded to his father's possessions by 1089 (Holmes, *Cart. of St. John of Pontefract*, i, pp. xviii–lvii).

313. *Charter (spurious) by William II, addressed generally. [1088–9.]

Authorizing the site of St. Mary's Church, York, and confirming to Abbot Stephen their lands and certain gifts (enumerated). All these, and any other possessions that the abbey may hereafter rationally acquire are to be quit of the *murdrum*-fine, *latrocinium*, scutage, gelds, danegelds, hidages, castle-work, bridge-work, park-work, fyrd wite. The abbot is also to have grith-bryce, hamfare, hamsocn, forsteal, sac and soc, toll and team, infangthief and utfangthief. If sheriffs or their subordinates have a complaint against the men of the abbey, let them inform the abbot and come on a stated day to the door of St. Mary's Church and there receive satisfaction. The men of St. Mary shall not be compelled to attend shire-courts, trithing-courts, or those of hundreds and wapentakes.

Witnesses: Count Alan; Milo Crispin.

[Copies in P.R.O. Pat. Roll, 35 Ed. I, m. 41; Charter Rolls, 1 Ed. II, No. 4; 4 Ed. III, No. 14; Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 152, fo. 29 v° (incomplete transcript).
Monasticon, iii. 547.]
This is either a forgery or grossly interpolated.
St. Mary's, York, was founded in 1088 or 1089.

314. Grant by William II to John Bp. of Bath. [1088–9.] Winchester.

Of the Abbey of Bath (subsequently confirmed at Dover in Jan. 1091) with the appurtenances which belonged to it on the first day of the King's reign. This gift is in augmentation of the bishopric of Somerset, that John may establish his episcopal see (*praesuleam sedem*) there.

[Original in Chapter Library at Wells, Original Deeds, No. 3.
Monasticon, ii. 266; *Journal Brit. Arch. Ass.* xxxviii (1882), p. 387, &c.]
Dating clause: 'Lanfranco archipraesule machinante, Wintoniae factum est donum hujus beneficii, mill. LXXXVIII° anno ab incarnatione Domini, secundo vero anno regni Willelmi filii prioris Willelmi.'
On the date see Freeman's *William Rufus*, ii. 484. For other printed copies see references to No. 315.

315. Charter by William II to John Bp. of Bath. 1091 Jan. 27. Dover.

Confirming to him the Abbey of Bath with all its appendages.

Signa: Thomas Abp. of York; Maurice Bp. of London; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Osbern Bp. of Exeter; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Robert Bp. of Hereford; Robert Bp. of Chester; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Wulfstan Bp. of Worcester; Ralph Bp. of Chichester; Herbert Bp. of Thetford; Geoffrey Bp. of Coutances; Hoel Bp. of Le Mans; Wido Abbot of St. Augustine's, Canterbury; Gilbert Abbot of St. Peter's, Westminster; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Symeon Abbot of Ely; Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmunds,

Reginald Abbot of Abingdon; Robert Abbot of St. Peter's, Winchester; Walter Abbot of Evesham; Paul Abbot of St. Albans; Odo Abbot of Chertsey; Godfrey Abbot of Malmesbury; Gausbert Abbot of Battle; Serlo Abbot of Gloucester; Earl Roger; Earl Robert; Earl Symon; Earl Hugh; Earl Alan; Earl Henry; Earl Walter; Earl William; Robert fitz Hamon; Robert the Chancellor; Philip the Chaplain; Samson the Chaplain; Turgis the Chaplain; Gerald the Chaplain; Ansger the Chaplain; Herbert the Chaplain; William the Chaplain; Enguerrand the Chaplain; Ranulf the Chaplain; Peter the Chaplain; Tusald the Chaplain; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Ivo, *Dapifer*; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Roger, *Dapifer*; William, *Dapifer*; Urso de Abetot; Robert, *Dispensator*; Hugo de Port; Roger de Bulli; Ranulf Peverel; Aiulf the sheriff; Alured of Lincoln; Ernulf de Hesdin; Folco Crispin.

[Original in Chapter Library, Wells (Original Deeds, No. 3). Copies in MS. C. C. C. Cambridge CXI (Bath Cartulary); Liber Albus, fo. 14 *d*, and Liber Ruber, fo. 341.
Somerset Arch. and N. H. Soc. xxii. 114; *Hist. MS. Comm. Liber Albus* (*Wells*) 1, 12, 13 (noticed); *Somerset Record Society*, vii. 40; *Monasticon*, ii. 266; *Adam de Domerham*, i. 278; Hickes, *Dissertatio Epistolaris*, p. 47; *Journal Brit. Arch. Ass.* xxxviii (1882), p. 387.]

Dated 'anno Dominicae incarnationis mill. xc, regni vero mei iiij, indictione xiij, vi kal. Feb., luna iii.'

On the signatures see Freeman, *William Rufus*, ii. 484. This and No. 314 are on the same parchment, but written in different hands.

1091 July 18. Caen.

316. Record of an inquest taken by Robert Duke of Normandy and William II King of England, at Caen, through their bishops and barons.

Concerning the rights of jurisdiction which William I had in Normandy. These are enumerated in fourteen sections. The jurors found that the duke had jurisdiction whenever men resorting to his court or to the host were injured (§§ 1–3) and when fortifications or castles were made without licence (§ 4). He might take any castle into his own hand (§ 4) or take the son or brother or grandson (*nepotem*) of a baron as a hostage, if not of knightly rank (§ 5). He might punish those who harried or plundered (§ 6), or committed a breach of the peace in the duke's forests (§ 7), or made war on an enemy, or mutilated a vassal except by lawful judgement (§ 8). No one in Normandy might commit *hanfare* or arson or rape or take a distress without an appeal being admitted to the lord who ought to take cognizance thereof (§ 9). Over such offences the Duke had jurisdiction in some places and his barons in others (§ 10). No one might molest a merchant in Normandy, except for a debt or suretyship (§ 11). No man might molest a foreigner on account of any previous trespass; whoever did so, his life was in the Duke's mercy (§ 12). No one might make money, good or bad, outside the mints of Rouen and Bayeux (§ 13). No one might take a man prisoner or hold him to ransom on account of a private war (§ 14). The King and the Duke have other rights also, which are not written down in this record, and which shall not be treated as null because not mentioned here.

[Copies in Vatican, MS. of Queen of Sweden, 596, ff. 4–5; ib., MS. Ottoboni 2964, ff. 133 v°–134 v°; Paris, Bibl. Nat., MS. Lat. 1597 B, ff. 140–1; Avranches, Public Library, MS. 149, fo. 3.
C. Haskins in *E. H. R.* xxiii. 506–8; Martène and Durand, *Thesaurus Novus Anecdotorum* (1717), iv. 117 (incorrect); Migne, *Patrologia*, cxlix, c. 1329 (from the *Thesaurus novus*); Martène, *Collectio Vetus Scriptorum*, p. 776 (incorrect); Mansi, *Concilia*, xx. 575 (incorrect).]

On the date see Haskins, *ad loc.*

1091.

317. Notitia (dated 1091).

That the tithe of Amfreville-la-Mivoye which Gernagois and Albereda his wife, with their sons William and Robert, gave to the Holy Trinity of Rouen, with the assent of King William [I] and Ralph de Conches, has now been restored by Ralph de Bec, who had appropriated it; in return for which Abbot

Walter and the monks gave him £14 of pennies. Ralph de Bec added other gifts.

Signa: Count Robert; Ralph de Conches; Robert de Belmont; Ralph de Bec; William Fitz Girard; Roger, brother of Ralph; Gilbert Crispin; Robert Fitz Alvuard; Robert Marmion; Ralph Taisson; Robert Herneis; Richard de Bayeux; Roger Fitz Lantbert; Pagan de Vilers; William de Calz; William de Francheville; Gilbert, son of William; Ralph de Blovilla; Herbert de Anseaumeville; Richard fitz Gozelin.

Chartularium Monasterii Sanctae Trinitatis de Monte Rothomagi, p. 463.

318. Confirmation by William Bp. of Durham (with the leave and at the command of King William II) to the Prior and monks of St. Cuthbert of Durham. [1091 Aug.–Dec.]

Of the churches of Northallerton, Kirkby Siggeston, and Brompton in Northallertonshire, with the tithes from his demesnes. This he has done in the presence of King William, who gave Northallertonshire to St. Cuthbert and his bishops for ever; to be held with all the liberties which the said Bishop has granted by his charters to the said Prior and monks in the case of their other churches.

Signa: William Bp. of Durham; William II, King; Robert, brother of the King; Henry, brother of the King; Robert Bloet, the King's Chancellor; Duncan, son of King Malcolm; Roger Earl of Shrewsbury; Ranulf the Treasurer; Mervin, Ælaf, Orm, Aldred, priests; Robert, the King's *Dispensator*; Siward Bran; Ærnold de Percy; Thomas Bp. (*sic*) of York; Remigius Bp. of Lincoln; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; John Bp. of Bath; Wido Abbot of St. Augustine's; Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmunds; Stephen Abbot of St. Mary [of York]; Hugh Earl of Chester; Philip, son of Earl Roger of Shrewsbury; Robert Earl of the Northumbrians; Edgar Clito; Roger Bigot; Morel the sheriff [of Bamburgh]; William Peverel; Gilbert, *Dapifer*.

Perfect seal of Bp. William.

[Durham Cathedral, Orig. I. 1, Ebor. I (original).
Raine's *Hist. Dunelm. Script. Tres*, App. p. xxii, No. xiii.]

See Freeman, *William Rufus*, i. 305, ii. 535; and for the King's grant to the bishop see the Durham *Liber Vitae* (Surtees Soc.), p. 77.

319. Confirmation by William II to the church of Salisbury. 1091. Hastings.

Of the charter by which Bishop Osmund has placed canons there and endowed them with various possessions (specified).

Signa: King William; Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury]; Earl Hugh [of Chester]; Henry de Ferrers; Earl William de Warenne; Wulfnoth[1]; Croc the huntsman; Robert de Lisle; Thomas Abp. [of York]; Walkelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Maurice Bp. [of London]; John Bp. [of Bath]; Hoel Bp. of Le Mans; Herbert Bp. [of Thetford]; Remigius Bp. [of Lincoln]; Gundulf Bp. [of Rochester]; Robert Bp. [of Hereford, *or* Coventry]; Robert the Chancellor; Ralph Bp. [of Chichester]; Ivo, *Dapifer*; Ernulf de Hesdin; Hugh de Port; Ranulf Peverel; Ranulf Paganel; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigot; Hubert de Rye; Gilbert of Tonbridge; William de Albini; Humphrey de Lisle; William de Percy; Robert, *Dispensator*; Walter Hosat; William Peverel; William fitz Baldwin; Roger de Nonant; Robert de Oilli.

[Copies in Guildhall, London, 'Liber Custumarum', fo. 14 *b*; Pat. Roll, 5 Rich. II, pt. 2, m. 27.
Riley, *Liber Custumarum*, i. 26; *Monasticon*, viii. 1294; Hoare's *Modern Wiltshire*; *City of Salisbury*, p. 717 (defective); *Register of St. Osmund*, i. 198 (defective).]

'Anno incarnationis dominicae MXCI° indictione XIVª . . . anno quarto regni.'

[1] Perhaps Wulfnoth the brother of Harold.

320. Confirmation by William II to St. Mary of Bec. [c. 1091.]

Of the grant made by Walter Gifard [Earl of Bucks.] of his manor of Blackenham [co. Suffolk].

Witnesses: Ralf de Languetot; Roger de Costentin; Alured de Sancta Fide; Ralph de Ulfranville.

'Hanc donationem concessit rex Guillelmus regis Guillelmi filius pro anima sua et pro anima patris sui et matris sue et coram baronibus suis sigillo suo firmavit.'

Signa: The Bp. of St. Lo; the Bp. of Lincoln; the Bp. of Hereford; Count Alan; Earl Hugh of Chester; Henry de Warwick.

The King.

Roger de Montgomeri; Roger of Poitou; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Gilbert fitz Richard; Roger Bigot; William de Percy; Hugh de Montfort; Henry, the King's son; the Bp. of Winchester.

Great Seal.

[Original in Eton College Library.
New Palaeographical Society, ii (1904), pl. 45 (*a*), facsimile; *Monasticon*, vii. 1002.]
Each witness apparently made his own cross.
The *Monasticon* adds as a witness 'Archiepiscopus Eboroicensis'; and gives, instead of the Bp. of Winchester, the Bp. of Worcester.
On the style here given to Henry Beauclerk see *New Pal. Soc. u.s.*

[1087–91.] **321.** Precept by William II to Randulph, brother of Ilger [sheriff of Huntingdon].

To convene the shires and inquire by them if the land of Eston [Easton, co. Hunts.] lay in the ferm of the church of Ramsey T. R. E., and to let the land remain as it was then; and to cause the Abbot to have his half hide of the land of Sawtry [co. Hunts.]; and to give all that the Abbot has the King's protection.

Witness: Randulf the Chaplain.

[Bodleian MS. Rawl. B. 333.
Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis, p. 208.]
It appears from the following writ (*Chron.* p. 209) that this was granted while Herbert Losinga was Abbot of Ramsey, i. e. 1087–91.

[1087–91.] **322.** Precept by William II to Randulf, brother of Ilger [sheriff of Huntingdon].

To let Abbot Herbert have the half hide in Sawtry [co. Hunts.] which Ailwin the reeve formerly held and which Walter of Belmeis now holds by force, 'sicut precepi per breve meum' (*Chronicon*, p. 208). 'Et vide ne amplius inde clamorem audiam pro penuria recti super x libras foris facturae.'

Witness: Ralph, the King's Chaplain.[1]

[Copies in P. R. O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v°; Bodleian, MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy); Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 108, fo. 104 (transcript).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 234; *Chron. Abbat. Rameseiensis*, p. 209.]
For the possessions of Ramsey Abbey at Sawtry see *D. B.* i. 204 *b*.

[1] Dodsworth reads *Rad. Capit. Justic.*; but as he is using the P. R. O. Cartulary, this must be treated as a pure error on his part.

[1087–91.] **323.** Charter by William II to the church of St.-Pierre-au-Mont-Blandin at Ghent.

Of certain possessions in Kent, near the Thames, that it has long held with the consent of the Kings of England, namely, Lewisham and Greenwich with their appurtenances. No one is to molest the monks in their soc or their sac or their toll or their team, but they are to enjoy the same rights as in King Edward's day.

Signa: King William; Gosfrid Bp. of St. Lo; Robert Count of Mortain; Odo Count of Champagne; Philip, son of Count Robert of Flanders; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Osto the Fleming; Raingot d'Audenarde.

[Ancient copy among the Charters of St.-Pierre de Gand, Archives de la Flandre Orientale.
Bulletin de l'Académie royale de Bruxelles, ix (1), p. 165; *Messager des Sciences Historiques de Belgique*, 1842, p. 249 (abstract); Round, *C. D. F.* 1376 (abstract); Van Lokeren, *Chartes, &c., de St.-Pierre*, i. 106.]

324. Charter by Robert, Prince of the Normans and Manceaux, to the Holy Trinity of Caen, and to Cecily his sister and the nuns. [1087–91.]

Granting lands outside the walls of Caen, with the consent of his brother Henry.

Witnesses: Simon de Camilleio; Saveric filius Cane; Ralph de Airi, Chaplain; Roger Poignant; Roger Mala Corona, *Dispensator*; Toraldus, doorkeeper. On the part of Henry, the King's son; Ranulf fitz Ulger; Odo the Chamberlain.

Signa: Count Robert; Henry, son of King William; Ralph the Chaplain; Roger de Curcella; Geoffrey de Calmunt; William the Chamberlain; Robert de Montfort; Walter de Mayenne; Hugo Brito; Roger, *Dispensator*; Robert fitz Baldwin; Richard Patnel; Simon de Chimilleio; Saveric filius Cane.

[Bibl. Nat., Paris, MS. Lat. 5650, fo. 34 (copy).
Round, *C. D. F.* 423 (calendared).]

This must be prior to the expulsion of Prince Henry from the Cotentin by his brothers.

325. Confirmation by William II to Lewes Priory. [1088–91.]

Of the grant made by William [II] de Warenne of a manor called Erceham, as held by him in his demesne; and of all the land held by the said William in demesne in the island on which the monastery has been rebuilt, which he granted them in augmentation of their alms; and of the hide of land possessed by Eustace in Borgemera [Balmer, co. Sussex] and given by him in the same manner.

Witnesses: King William; Gundulf the Bp. [of Rochester]; William Bp. of Thetford; Earl Roger [of Shrewsbury]; Count Robert [of Mortain]; Walter Giffard; Henry de Ferrers; Henry de Beaumont; Count Alan; Hugh Earl of Chester; Roger de Busliaco; Bernard de Neufmarché; Walter de Anicurte; Richard; Ralph de Chesney; Richard; Hugh fitz Gerold; Geoffrey de Petraponte; Hugh de Wanciaco.

[Confirmation Roll, 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 4, No. 9; B. M. Cotton Cleopatra XVI. 32 (early copy; damaged by fire).
D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 41 (calendared).]

This grant seems to be subsequent to the Domesday survey, in which Eustace appears as holding one hide in Falemere hundred (and presumably in the vill of Balmer) from William de Warenne (*D.B.* i. 26 *b*). It is mentioned in *Monasticon*, v. 14 (No. 6), as a gift of the second Earl William, who succeeded his father in 1088 (Freeman, *W. R.* i. 76).

326. Notification by William II to O[smund] Bp. of Salisbury, T[hurstan] Abbot of Glastonbury, and A[iulf] the sheriff and the barons of Somerset and Wilts. [1089– Jan. 1091.]

Granting to St. Peter of Bath, Bp. John and his successors, in alms for the augmentation of the see, the whole city of Bath, with all customs and a mint and toll.

Witnesses: W[alchelin] Bp. of Winchester; R[emigius] Bp. of Lincoln; R[obert] Count of Meulan; H[enry] Earl of Warwick; R[obert] fitz Haimon; E[udo], *Dapifer*; Ivo, *Dapifer*; R., son of Gerald; Robert, *Dispensator*; W. de la Rochelle (*Carokela* Monasticon).

[Copies in Wells Cathedral, *Liber Albus*, i, fo. 15 *d*; Charter Roll, 6 Ed. III, No. 18; C.C.C. Cambr. MS. CXI; Harl. MS. 358, fo. 39.
Hist. MSS. Comm., *Calendar of the MSS. of Dean and Chapter of Wells*, i. 14 (calendared); Hearne, *Adam de Domerham*, i. 293; *Cart. of Bath Priory* (ed. Hunt), p. 42 (cald.); *Monasticon*, ii. 267.]

On the date see Hunt in *Cart. of Bath Priory*, l.c.

327. Charter by Robert Duke of Normandy to the Abbey of Bec. 1092 Feb.

Confirming to it the church near Ermentrudis-villa [St. Sever], close to Rouen, which his father and mother began to build in honour of the blessed Virgin, and which was claimed by trustworthy evidence as the property of the Abbey. And granting the tithe of the hay in his park near Rouen. Should the duke ever wish to make the aforesaid church the seat of an independent abbey, he

may do so without complaint on the part of the monks, provided that he gives them an adequate exchange. This power he reserves for his brother, King William, as well as for himself.

Witnesses: William Abp. of Rouen: Robert Count of Normandy; Eustace [Count] of Boulogne; William [Bp.] of Durham.

['Ex codice MS. D. le Prevost' (1663).
Neustria Pia, p. 613.]

[1092 May.] [Lincoln.] **328**. Charter (interpolated) by William II.

Confirming the grants of previous donors to the church of Lincoln. All these to be at the disposal of Bp. Remigius.

Signa: William the King; the Abp. of Canterbury; Maurice Bp. of London; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Ralph Bp. of Chichester; Count Alan (of Richmond); Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Gilbert Abbot of Westminster; Herbert Bp. of Thetford; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Robert Bp. of Chester; William de Albini; Baldwin Abbot of St. Edmunds; Stephen de Albemarle; Geoffrey de Stotevilla; Robert the Chancellor; Robert Bp. of Hereford; William the Chaplain, and the Canons of the same church; Count Robert of Mortain; Earl Roger of Montgomery; Earl Hugh of Chester; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Ivo Taillebois (*Taliber*); Hubert de Ria; Hugh de Port; Hugh de Montfort; Robert de Oilli; Robert fitz Hamon; Haimo, sheriff of Kent; Robert de Curci; Guy de Oilli; Robert de Grentemaisnil; Ivo de Grentemaisnil; William de Percy; Alfred de Warham; Geoffrey de la Wirce.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 9 Ed. I, No. 51; 3 Ed. III, No. 51; 2 Ric. II, No. 5. Pat. Rolls, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 4, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 2.
Monasticon, viii. 1270.]

Apparently a blank was left for the name of the next Abp. of Canterbury, this grant being made between the death of Lanfranc and appointment of Anselm. The dating clause ('anno ab incarnatione . . . MCLXXXX, indictione xiiij . . . iij regni mei relabente anno') gives inconsistent data and seems to be interpolated.

[1092.] **329**. Precept by William II to R[emigius] Bp. of Lincoln and Ranulf the sheriff [of Hunts.] and all sheriffs in whose shires the Abbot of Ramsey holds lands.

That Abbot Aldwin is not to alienate any part of his demesne without the King's licence and counsel.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]; R[obert] the Chancellor.

[P. R. O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy); Bodleian MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 234, ii. 291 (incorrectly); *Chron. Abb. Rames.* p. 210.]

Remigius d. May 7, 1092. This writ is closely connected with the other Ramsey charters of the year 1092.

[1092.] **330**. Notification by William [II] to the sheriffs in whose shires the Abbey of Ramsey holds land.

That he has quit-claimed all the men of the Abbey of Saint Benedict of Ramsey 'de ista expeditione Scotiae'; and ordering that all the lands belonging to the ferm of the said Abbey be restored, no matter who holds them.

Witnesses: Bp. Walkelin [of Winchester]; [William] Bp. of Durham; [Robert] the Chancellor; *Per* Turold Abbot of Peterborough.

[Bodleian MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abbat. Rames. (R. S.), p. 212.]

The expedition in question is that of the summer of 1092.

[1092.] **331**. Precept by William II to G. fitz Roger.

To let Aldwin Abbot of Ramsey have his lands and men and wood and property justly and peaceably.

Witnesses: [William] Bp. of Durham; [Robert] the Chancellor; *Per* Turold Abbot of Peterborough.

[Bodleian MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rames. p. 210.]

Abbot Aldwin was appointed in 1091. The occurrence of Turold gives the inferior limit as 1098. The Bp. of Durham is therefore William of St. Calais, who was restored to his see in 1091. These witnesses appear also as for the preceding and succeeding charters.

332. Precept by William II to his foresters. [? 1092.]

That none of them meddle with the wood of Aldwin, Abbot of Ramsey, 'nisi de bestiis et de essartis.'

Witnesses: [William] Bp. of Durham; Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]; [Robert] the Chancellor; *Per* Turold Abbot of Peterborough.

[Bodleian MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rames. p. 210.]

333. Notification (in English) by William I or II to Thomas the Abp. of York and Turold and Earnwig his sheriff (or sheriffs ?) and all his thanes in Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. [1075–92.]

That the King has granted to St. Mary at Stow, and to her monks, Newark and Fledborough and Brampton and the wapentake of Well, with sac and soc, &c., as fully as Godgifu had it in the days of King Edward, and the things that Bishop Remigius can testify belong rightly thereto.

[Eynsham Cartulary (Ch. Ch., Oxford), fo. 17 *b* (copy).
Cartulary of Eynsham, i. 48.]
On the date see the note by Mr. Stevenson in the Cartulary, *ad loc.*

334. Precept by William II to the men of the Abbey of Stow. [1091–2.]

That they are to be as obedient to Abbot Columbanus as they have been to Bishop Remigius.

Witness: Richard de Curci.

[Eynsham Cartulary (Ch. Ch., Oxford), fo. 11 *a* (copy).
Cart. of Eynsham, i. 32.]

335. Notification by William II to Thomas the Abp. and Turold and Earnwi the sheriff and all the barons of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. [1091–2.]

That he has granted to Abbot Columbanus the Abbey of St. Mary Stow as he granted it to Bishop Remigius.

Witness: Robert fitz Haimon.

[Copies in Eynsham Cartulary (Ch. Ch., Oxford), fo. 17 *b*, Cotton Vespasian B. XV. 2.
Cart. of Eynsham, i. 48; Stevens, Vol. ii, App. No. xciii C.]
On the date see Mr. Salter's notes.

336. Charter by William II, addressed generally. [1093 Sept.]

That he has granted to Abp. Anselm the archbishopric of Canterbury with all its liberties and dignities, and sac and soc on strand and on stream, on wood and on field, tolnes and teames, gridbrech, hamsokne, forstalles, and infangenes-theves and flemenefremthe, and all other liberties on land and sea over his men within borough and without borough and over all the thanes that King Edward the King's kinsman gave to them. And that he has confirmed the liberties of the monks of Christ Church, Canterbury; and the ports (*portus*) of Sandwich, and all the issues and customs which Odo Bp. of Bayeux and Earl of Kent granted to them and confirmed by his charter.

Witnesses: William Bp. of Durham; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in B. M. Cotton MS. Galba C. IV, fo. 157; Add. MS. 6159, fo. 9 r°; Pat. Roll, 12 Hen. VI, pt. 2, membranes 9–1; Cartae Antiquae (olim) F, No. 17; Confirmation Rolls, 4 Hen. VII, pt. 1, No. 4; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 3, No. 6.
Monasticon, i. 105, No. XXI; *Foedera*, i. 5.]
Anselm was not invested with the temporalties for some months after his nomination (March 6). The investiture preceded his enthronement, which took place on Sept. 25, 1093. See Freeman, *William Rufus*, i. 421–30.

337. Notification by William II to Thomas the Archbishop, R[obert] Bp. of Chester, Earl Roger, E[arnwig?] the sheriff, H. de Ferrers, W[illiam] Peverel, and [1093 Sept. [Winchester.]

all his lieges, French and English, of Nottinghamshire (Esnotingehamscire) and Derbyshire.

Giving to the church of St. Mary of Lincoln, Robert, Bishop of the same church, and all his successors in perpetual possession, for the souls of the King, his father and mother, the churches of Orston (Notts), Chesterfield (Derby), Ashbourne (Derby), and Mansfield (Notts), and the chapels in the berewicks (*berewicis*) which belong to the said four manors.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham; Ranulf the Chaplain; Eudo, *Dapifer*; William Peverel; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Urse d'Abitot; Rannulf, Ilger's brother.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 3 Ed. III, No. 51; 2 Ric. II, No. 5; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 4, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 2.
Monasticon, viii. 1271.]

'Hoc donum factum est die crastina qua Anselmus archiepiscopus meus ligeus homo factus est.'

[1093 Dec. 25.] Gloucester. **338.** Notification by William II to G[eoffrey] Bainard (*Brenard*).

That he grants the church of St. Stephen, near the pool (*stagnum*) at York, tō Abp. Thomas and the church of St. Peter in exchange for the land on which St. Mary's Abbey, York, has been built.

Witnesses: Anselm Abp. of Canterbury; Thomas Abp. of York; William Bp. of Durham; Robert Bp. of Chester; Robert Bp. of Hereford; John Bp. of Somerset; Osmund (*Simundus*) Bp. of Salisbury; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Maurice Bp. of London; Herbert Bp. of Thetford; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester; Robert Bp. of Lincoln; Hervey Bp. of St. David's (*sic*); Ralph Bp. of Chichester; Thurstan Abbot of Glastonbury; Gilbert Abbot [of Westminster].

[Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 63, fo. 8 v° (transcript, source not stated).]

'Actum est hoc in concilio apud Glocestriam natali domini quo ibi primum rex curiam suam tenuit.'

Hervey was Bp. of Bangor. Presumably the false title above is due to Dodsworth.

[1093.] Gloucester. **339.** Notice of a grant by William II, 'apud Gloucestriam gravi morbo vexatus,' to St. Peter of Gloucester.

Of the church of St. Gundley at Newport.

[Hist. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. (MS. Queen's Coll., Oxford, No. ccclxvii).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. i. 102.]

This grant is mentioned in the general confirmation of the abbey's estates by Abp. Theobald (*Cart. Glouc.* i. 227).

[1093.] **340.** Notification by William II to Abp. [Anselm], G[undulf] Bp. of Rochester, H[amo], *Dapifer*, and all the King's lieges.

That he has confirmed the donation which Robert the Chancellor, to wit the Bp. of Lincoln, made of his manor of Charlton [co. Kent] to the church of St. Saviour at Bermondsey. The monks are to hold it as peaceably as the Bp. of Bayeux and the aforesaid Robert held it.

Witness: William Bp. of Durham.

[B.M. MS. Cotton Claud. A. VIII, fo. 116 (transcript from a Bermondsey register); Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 78, fo. 26 v° (transcript from a Bermondsey register).
Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), p. 207.]

Bermondsey Annals, s.a. 1093: 'Et dedit idem Robertus eodem anno monachis de Bermundeseye manerium de Charletone cum appendiciis suis.'

[c. 1093.] **341.** Charter (? spurious) by William II.

Recording the settlement, through the King's instrumentality, of the dispute between the churches of York and Lincoln in respect of rights and possessions in Lincolnshire claimed by the former. These being renounced the King has given to Archbishop Thomas in return the church of St. Oswald of Gloucester and the abbey of St. German of Selby, the latter to be held 'as the Archbishop of Canterbury has the bishopric of Rochester'. The King has done this in return for the service rendered to him as chancellor by Bp. Robert of Lincoln.

Signa: William the King; Thomas Abp. of York; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; William Bp. of Durham: Anselm Abp. of Canterbury; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 3 Ed. III, No. 51; 2 Ric. II, No. 5; Pat. Rolls, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 4, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 2; Liber Albus (York) Pt. ii, fo. 4 v° (incomplete).
Monasticon, viii. 1271.]

A shortened form of this document, omitting the witnesses, is given among the York charters (*Mon.* viii. 1177). Robert Bloet was designated Bp. of Lincoln in 1093, though not consecrated till Feb. 1094.

342. Record of a suit, held before Duke Robert, between the Abbot of St. Florent of Saumur and Ranulf Abbot of Lonlay, respecting the gifts which William de Braose had given to St. Florent [see the award of 1080 by William I; *supra*, No. 121]. The suit was heard at the Council of Bonneville on a Thursday. The Abbot of Lonlay made default, and judgement was given against him. [1093.] Bonneville.

Witnesses: Odo Bp. of Bayeux; Gilbert Maminot Bp. [of Lisieux]; Roger, the Roman cardinal; Gilbert Abbot of [St. Stephen of] Caen; Arnulf Abbot of Troarn; [Wido] Count of Ponthieu; Robert of Bellême, his son-in-law; William Count of Évreux; Ralph de Guader; Engelramn fitz Hilbert; Eudo Haldup [the vicomte]; besides other witnesses who attested on behalf of the Abbot of Lonlay and William de Braose.

[Copy in Livre blanc de St.-Florent (Archives of Maine-et-Loire), fo. 116 v°.
Mém. de la Soc. des Antiquaires de Normandie, xxx. (1880), p. 682; Round, *C. D. F.* 1115 (calendared).]

These events took place immediately before the dedication of the church of St. Gervase and Prothase, which took place on Dec. 11, 1093 (Round, *C. D. F.* No. 1118). The Council of Bonneville was probably convened to discuss the breach which was then imminent between the Duke and William II.

343. Notification by William II to Earl R[oger] and H[ugh], his son, and all the barons and other servants (*aliis ministris*) around Chichester. [1087–93.]

Granting to the church of Chichester the land of Wystring [Wittering] and Sydelesham [Sidlesham].

Witness: Robert the Chancellor.

[Copy in Register of Dean and Chapter, Chichester (1640).
Monasticon, viii. 1167.]

344. Notification by William II to G[eoffrey] Bainard [sheriff of Yorkshire]. [1087–93.]

Of a grant to St. Cuthbert and his monks of Billingham [co. Durham] with all the appendages, to be held with all the customs pertaining to his other lands between Tyne and Tees. Geoffrey is not to interfere in any way with the property of the monks.

Witness: R[obert] the Chancellor.

Seal: Wanting.

[1ma 1mae Regalium Dunelm. No. 7 (original). Also in Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67 (copy).
Feodarium Prioratus Dunelm. (Surtees, 1872) 138 note; Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, iii. 392; Raine, *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres*, App. xi.]

345. Precept by William I or II to the sheriff, officials, and barons of Bedfordshire. [1085–93.]

That Abbot Gunter [of Thorney] is to have the land of Bolnhurst [co. Beds.], free and quit from every claim as Abbot Folcard held it. The church which Tovi the priest holds is to be held by him at the pleasure of the abbot. The persons addressed are to see to it, as they love the King, that no wrong is done to the abbot contrary to this writ.

Witnesses: G[osfrid] Bp. of St. Lo; G (*sic*) the Chancellor.

Transcript in Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 (from a Thorney Register).

For this *manor* of Thorney see *D. B.* i. 211: 'Hoc manerium tenuit Ælfleda de rege E. Potuit dare cui voluit. In monasterio de Torni iacuit die quo rex Edwardus vivus et mortuus est.'

[1087–93.] **346.** Notification by William II to R. the Earl and all of Herts.

That he has granted to Peter de Valognes a house in Hertford with the mills and their multure (*molta*) and a certain manor called Begeford in Lee, as an equivalent for two manors which he owed to Peter.

Witnesses: G. the Bishop [? Gosfrid of Coutances]; H[ugh], the sheriff, who caused this writ to be drawn up.

[P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae, K 22 (copy).]

In 1086 this manor was in the King's hand. The charter which follows this in Cartae Antiquae, K. 22 (by Henry I), states that the manor was held by William II before Peter received it. Robert of Mortain and Roger of Shrewsbury were both tenants in chief in Bedfordshire.

[? 1094 Jan.–Feb.] Hastings. **347.** Notification by William II to O[smund] Bp. [of Salisbury] and W[alter] Hosat and C[roc] the huntsman and A[red] the falconer.

That he has given Abbot Godfrey of Malmesbury the custody of his own woods. None of the king's foresters are to interfere with them. Croc the huntsman is to quit-claim the abbot and his men of the plea of 60s. which he had against them.

Witnesses: William Bp. [of Durham]; F. [*lege* Robert] fitz H[aimon]; R[anulf] the chaplain.

[Copies in P. R. O. Malmesbury Cartulary, fo. 137; B. M. Lansdowne MS. 428, fo. 137. *Monasticon*, i. 261; *Registrum Malmesburiense*, i. 330.]

1094 Feb. 11. [Battle.] **348.** Notification by William II to all his men, French and English.

That he has granted to St. Martin of Battle, at the dedication of that church, certain churches (list given).

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Ralph Bp. of Chichester; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; John Bp. of Bath; William Bp. of Durham; Roger[1] Bp. of Coutances; Gundulf Bp. of Rochester.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 6 Ed. II, No. 55; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 15; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 6, No. 5.
Monasticon, iii. 246.]

On the date and circumstances of the consecration of Battle Abbey, see Freeman, *William Rufus*, i. 443.

[1] An error for Ralph.

[1094.] **349.** Notification by William II, addressed generally.

Of a concord which the King has made between William Bp. of Durham and Robert Earl of Northumberland whereby, in consideration of a payment of £100, Robert quit-claims to the bishop his rights in certain vills (enumerated) and 'quicquid praedictus comes calumniabatur super omnes terras et consuetudines et homines Sancti Cuthberti'.

Signa: King William; Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Robert Earl of Northumbria; Robert, *Dispensator*; William the Chancellor; Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Ranulf the Chaplain; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury; Robert de Montfort; Alan de Lincola (? Alured of Lincoln); William de Redvers; Richard de Curcy; Robert Fitz Gerald; Turald Papelleon; Urso de Abetot.

[I^ma^ I^mae^ Regalium Dunelm. No. 17 (copy).
Foedera, i. 5 (incomplete); *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelm.* (Surtees, 1812), lxxxii–iii.]

Mr. Bayley (*Vict. County History, Durham*, ii. 137–8) considers that the effect of this charter was to transfer to the Bp. of Durham the *jura regalia*, and that these had hitherto been exercised by the Earl over the Bishop's territories. The authenticity of the document has been questioned (Greenwell in *Feodarium*, u.s.). If genuine, it is prior to Mowbray's rebellion in 1095.

[? 1094.] Eu. **350.** Precept by William II to R[obert] Bp. of Lincoln.

To treat Abbot Columbanus [of Stow] peaceably and honourably and to let him have his exchange for all the lands which he held at Leston. 'Et vide ne inde amplius audiam clamorem quia aliter non consensi te facere mutationem loci.'

Witness: W[illiam] the Chancellor.

[Eynsham Cartulary (Ch. Ch., Oxford), fo. 12 *b* (copy).
Cartulary of Eynsham, i. 35.]
William was at Eu in the summer of 1094 (Peterborough Chronicle).

351. Precept by William II to H[aimo], *Dapifer*. [1087–94.]

Cause [Wido] the Abbot of St. Augustine to have all the tithes which he held on the day when the king's father was alive and dead, no matter to whom the king has given the lands from which the tithes come. Restore also what has been taken from the abbot, and cause him to be reseised of the land of which Anschetill disseised him after he received the abbey.

Witness: R[obert] the Chancellor.

[P. R. O. Cartulary of St. Austin's, Canterbury, Exch. (K. R.) Misc. Book XXVII, 152 *a–b* (copy); B. M. Add. MS. 29437, fo. 132 (transcript from a Cartulary).]
This writ is probably the outcome of William's repentance during his illness in March, 1093 (Freeman, *William Rufus*, i. 393). It is uncertain whether Robert Bloet resigned the chancellorship before 1094.

352. Notification by William II to Earl Roger and all the barons of Sussex. [1087–94.]

Granting to the church of Chichester the carucate of land (*carucatam terrae*) which Ketel the steersman (*esterman*) held in Sussex and the houses which he formerly had in the city of Chichester.

Witnesses: Robert, *Dispensator* (Bisp'); Richard de Cuceyo.

[Copy in Register of Dean and Chapter, Chichester.
V. C. H. *Sussex*, i. 372; *Monasticon*, viii. 1167.]
For Ketel, apparently a royal sergeant, see *D. B.* i. 24.

353. Grant by Roger Earl of Shrewsbury, and his wife Adelidis, to St. Peter of Cluni and St. Mary of Marcigni-sur-Loire. 1087–94.

Of the manor of Celtona with the leave of King William [I], 'Concedit hoc etiam dominus noster Willielmus rex, filius eius et successor in regnum.'

Witnesses: King William [II]; Earl Roger; Henry de Beaumont; Abp. Thomas [of York]; Roger fitz Hamon.

['Ex cartulario Cluniac. per v. cl. Andr. du Chesne desumptum.'
Monasticon, vii. 1109.]
This appears to be an abstract of the confirmation by William II. This manor may be identical either with Celtetone or with Coltone (co. Stafford), which are entered as belonging to Earl Roger in 1086 (*D. B.* i. 248). For the priory of Marcigni see Orderic IV. 189.

354. Notification by William II to the sheriffs in whose shires St. Benedict of Ramsey has lands. [1087–94.]

That he has quit-claimed the lands and men of the saint of all forced labour (*operatione*) and all pleas, until further notice.

Witnesses: Robert the Chancellor; H[ugh] de Envermeu (*Euiermien*).

[Bodleian, MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis, p. 211.]

355. Notification by William II to H[aimo] the sheriff and all his officials. [1087–94.] Brigstock.

That he has granted to the monks of St. Andrew of Rochester the land which pertains to the reeveship of Chatham, which the monks have enclosed within their garden, on condition that the monks are to sing 200 masses for the soul of the king's father, and Bp. Gundulf is to give from his other land an exchange worth as much as the other land was worth when the Bp. of Bayeux gave it to the monks.

Witnesses: Bp. Wal[c]h[elin][1] [of Winchester]; Robert the Chancellor; Rann[ulf] the Chaplain.

[1] The name of this witness is given in *D. K. R.* xxix, App. p. 44, as Walter, but there was no Bishop Walter in this reign.

[Copies in Textus Roffensis, No. cciii; Add. MS. 29437, fo. 18 v° (ex libro de Roff.); Charter Roll, 3 Ed. I, No. 2; Pat. Roll, 12 Ed. IV, pt. 2, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 8, No. 2.
Monasticon, i. 174; Hearne, *Textus Roffensis* (1720), p. 214; Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), p. 209.]

[1087–94.] **356**. Confirmation by William II.

Of certain grants to Shrewsbury Abbey, made by Roger Earl of Shrewsbury with the consent of his sons Hugh, Robert, Roger, and Arnulf.

[Two sets of witnesses to the earl's grants; none to the king's confirmation.]

[P. R. O. Pat. Roll, 1 Hen. VI, pt. 5, m. 19 (copy).
Monasticon, iii. 521–2.]

[? 1087–94.] Winchester. **357**. Notification (? spurious) by William, King of England and Duke of the Normans, to all his officials, French and English.

That he has granted to St. Peter and St. Swithin of Winchester, and to Bp. Walchelin and the monks of Winchester, the liberty granted by King Edward; viz. sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, mund-brice, hamsoken, forsteal and other forfeitures. Their lands and men are to be exempt from shires and hundreds, pleas and plaints, and all gelds and customs.

Witness: Roger [? *lege* Robert] the Chancellor.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 10 Ed. II, m. 6; P. R. O. Exchequer Transcripts, No. 4.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 348.]

The style is that of William I; but he had no chancellor named Roger; if the charter is genuine, the style has been altered by a copyist and the chancellor must be Robert Bloet. But probably the charter is forged.

[1087–94.] **358**. Charter by Roger Earl of Shrewsbury, to the house of Ste. Marie of La Charité.

Subjecting to it the church of St. Milburga [Wenlock Priory, co. Salop], which is to pay Ste. Marie an annual rent of 100s. This the earl does with the consent of William II.

[Gough MSS., vol. iii, p. 59 (late transcript).
Eyton, *Antiquities of Shropshire*, iii. 228.]

The language inflated, but the substance may well be genuine. Three dating and testing clauses (mutually inconsistent) are added; but Eyton shows that these formed no part of the original document. Wenlock was founded by Earl Roger as an abbey (*D. B.* i. 252 *b*).

[1090–4.] **359**. Notification by William II to Gilbert de Brittewilla and all his lieges, French and English, of Berkshire.

Granting to the church of St. Mary of Abingdon and Rainald the abbot and his monks the church of Sutton Courtenay [*Suttune*] with lands, tithes and customs as the said church (of Sutton) had them in the time of the king's father.

Witnesses: Robert fitz Hamon; Robert the Chancellor; Croc the huntsman.

[Cotton MS. Claud. B. VI (copy).
Hist. Mon. Abingdon, ii. 26.]

The abbot paid £20 for this grant, and agreed to leave Aluuinus the clerk in possession of the church (*Historia*, ii. 27. Cf. *D. B.* i. 59).

[1094.] **360**. Charter by Robert [of Jerusalem] Count of Flanders.

Confirming the donation of Ingelram Count of Hesdin, to the Church of St. George of Hesdin; and permitting that church to be placed under the control of Aimeric, Abbot of Anchin, and his successors. This the Count does when on the point of starting to help the King of England against the Normans.

Witnesses: *For the Count of Hesdin*: Walter, the Count's nephew; Alelm, *Dapifer*; Odo, son of Wilard; Nicolas; Walcelin; Hugo, son of Wilard Grossus. *For Count Robert*: Wenemar de Lens; Lethard Brochez; Pierre, son of Ingelard.

[Original, Archives de la Flandre Orientale.
Bulletin de la Commission d'Histoire de Belgique, iii. 285; *Messager des Sciences Historiques de Belgique*, 1842, p. 248 (abstract); Round, *C.D.F.* 1325.] On the date see Round *u. s.*

361. Notification by William II to all his subjects. [1093–4.] Winchester.

That he has confirmed to Christchurch, Twynham [co. Southampton], and Ranulf Flambard the Dean and his successors, the whole manor of Prestpiddle [co. Dorset] near to Affpiddle [co. Dorset], with its men and their progeny [*sequela*] and all the appurtenances. To be held with sac and soc and thol and theam and infangenetheof and other liberties and free customs.

Witnesses: Anselm Abp. of Canterbury ('qui prece mea maledictionem suam et Dei omnibus dedit qui donum meum imposterum impedirent vel iniuste contrairent'); Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Roger Bigod; Hugo of Grantemesnil; Roger of Montgomeri; Croc the huntsman.

[Copy in Charter Roll, 7 Ed. II, No. 17; thence in Cotton Tib. D. VI, fo. 145 (Twynham Cartulary).
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 233.]
Limits given by the presence of Anselm and Roger of Montgomeri.

362. Notification by William II to W[illiam] Capra and all of Somerset. Pentecost. [1095 May 13.] Windsor.

That he has confirmed to the monks of Bermondsey two hides of land in Estanes, given to them by Walter, son of Ansger.

Witnesses: Ansell' de Parentin; W[illiam] Peverel of Dover.

[MS. Cotton Claud. A. VIII, fo. 115 *b* (transcript from a Bermondsey Register).]
William Capra or Chievre appears as a tenant in chief in Somerset in 1086 (*D. B.* i. 110).
Bermondsey Annals, s.a. 1095: 'Et hoc anno Walterus filius Ansgeri Britonis dedit duas hidas de la Stane monachis de Bermundeseie, quam donationem confirmaverunt Willelmus rex secundus et Henricus primus rex, frater eius.'

363. Charter (? spurious) by Edgar, 'filius Malcolmi Regis Scottorum totam terram de Lodoneio et regnum Scotie dono domini mei Willelmi Anglorum Regis et paterna hereditate possidens,' to Bp. William and the monks of Durham. 1095 Aug. 29. Norham.

Granting the manor of Berwick and many other manors (enumerated), with tolls, rights of wreck, and all other customs thereto pertaining.

Original Signatories: King Edgar; Alexander, his brother; Ligulf, son of Inemannus; Gylnertus, son of Duncan; Oularus, son of Oghe; Unteedus Fuderne; Edgar Atheling; Uhtred; Constantine, son of Macduff; Robert de Humet; Aetele; Agulf; Alimold, his son; David. *Witnesses of the Confirmation*: William Bp. of Durham; Turgot the Prior [of Durham]; Ausketill, reeve of Norham; Ilger de Corneford; Walter de Valognes; Geoffrey de Aldreio; William, son of Almod; John de Amundeville; Racho the Lotharingian; Gilbert and Wilfrid and Alimod son of Makod and Anulf his brother, 'presente maxima multitudine Francorum et Anglorum quorum nomina longum est inscribere. Hoc autem factum est eo anno quo Rex Willelmus filius magni regis Willelmi fecit novum castellum ante Bebbanburgh super Robertum, Comitem Northanhymbrorum.'

[Copies (*a*) in Registrum Primum, Durham Treasury, fo. 90; (*b*) on loose sheet in the Treasury at Durham (saec. xv).
Monasticon, i. 237; Raine's *Hist. North Durham*, App. p. 2, No. VII; Lawrie, *Early Scotch Charters*, No. xv. All these copy (*b*).]
Copy (*b*) concludes with the note: 'Ista carta est sigillata cum sigillo rotundo dicti Regis Eadgari pendente cum filo serico, et est in medio eiusdem sigilli ymago dicti Regis Edgari sedens cum parva corona in capite, et habet in una manu sceptrum et in altera gladium et habet superscripcionem Ymago Edgari Scottorum Regis.'
Both copies (*a*) and (*b*) appear to be derived from the same instrument. But (*b*) gives a longer list of witnesses, while (*a*) appears more correct as to the names which it actually gives. The scribe of the *Registrum Primum* is elsewhere given to abbreviating lists of witnesses.
Was the common original of the two copies genuine? The description of the seal excites suspicion: the use of a silk thread is unusual at this date, and a genuine seal of Edgar (Raine, *op. cit.* p. 374) bears the superscription '. . . ago Edgari Scottorum Basilei'. But, without pronouncing on this question, we may point out that the Durham monks had the habit of attaching forged seals to genuine documents.
Objections to this charter have been raised (*a*) on the ground of the names of the

witnesses (Skene, *Celtic Scotland*, i. 444). This is a point for experts in Scottish history to consider. But the objections raised in detail to the witnesses by Sir A. Lawrie (*op. cit.* pp. 247–8) cannot be sustained. Geoffrey de Aldreio is presumably of the same family as William of Alderi, executed for high treason in 1097. Walter of Valognes in the same way may be of the family of the well-known Peter de Valognes. (β) On the ground that it stands or falls with the palpably forged charter of similar tenor which pretends to be by Edgar (Raine, *op. cit.* App. p. 3, No. viii). On this point see Raine's remarks (*op. cit.* p. 380). This second charter is an extremely clumsy attempt of late date to reconstruct a lost original. But it must be judged independently of the present charter. (γ) Mr. Cra'ster argues that, since the patrimony of the monks was separated from that of the bishop in the time of William Carileph and before 1086 (cf. *Domesday Book*, i. 340 *b*), a grant of 1095 would not be made to the Bp. and monks jointly, as in Edgar's reputed charter and the reputed confirmation of William II.

[1095.] **364**. Notification (? spurious) by William II to Thomas Abp. of York and all the king's lieges, French, English, and Scots.

That he has granted to the church of Durham and to William the bishop the lands in Lothian which King Edgar, son of Malcolm King of Scots, granted to the church. To wit the manors of Berwick, Greidene. and many others (list as in No. 365).

No witnesses: the charter ends *Valete.*

Seal (almost perfect) on vellum strip cut from lower margin of the charter.

[Durham Cathedral Miscellaneous Charter 558 (original).
Raine, *North Durham*, App. p. 79, No. CCCCXXXV; *Facs. Nat. MSS. Scotland*, No. vii.]

Except for the omission of witnesses is identical with No. 365.

[1095.] **365**. Notification (? spurious) by William II to Thomas Abp. of York and his lieges, French, English, and Scottish.

That he has confirmed to the church of Durham and St. Cuthbert and Bp. William and the monks the gift made by King Edgar; to wit of the following manors (*mansiones*) in Lothian: Berwick, Greidene, Leinhale, Dylsterhale, Bricgham, Ederham, Cirneside, Hyltun, Blaccedre, Cynebritham, Hotun, Reinintun, Paxtun, Fugeldene, Morthintun, Lambertun, another Lambertun, Hoedrintun, Fiscwic, Horeford, Upsetintun, Collingaham, Aldcambus, Lummesdene, Ristun, Suinestun, Fardun, Eitun, another Eitun, Prenegest, Cramesmuthe, Hoedentun; with the lands thereto pertaining, and all tolls and shipwrecks and other customs, as well as King Malcolm ever held them.

Witnesses: William the Chancellor; Robert Fitz Haimon.

Great Seal.

[Treasury of Durham, Charter 558* (reputed original).
Lawrie, *Early Scottish Charters*, p. 14; Raine, *Hist. of North Durham*, App. p. 79, No. CCCCXXXVI.]

Except for the omission of witnesses, this is identical with No. 364. The charter of King Edgar (Lawrie, No. xv) is given above (No. 363). It has been objected that Edgar's reign in Scotland did not begin till 1097, and Bp. William died in 1096. But may not Edgar have fled to England after the murder of Duncan II (Nov. 12, 1094), and have been recognized by William II, even at that date, as *de jure* king of Scotland?

[1095.] Newcastle. **366**. Notification by William II to his justiciars, barons, &c.

That he has confirmed to St. Mary and St. Oswin and the monks of Tynemouth their court, with sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief and wreck and all other customs belonging to himself.

Witness: Eudo, Dapifer, *apud obsidionem Novi Castri.*

[Copy in B. M. Cotton MS. Tib. E. VI (St. Alban's Cartulary), fo. 93; transcript in Jesus College, Oxford, MS. 77.
Hist. of Northumberland, viii. 53 *n*.]

[1095.] Newcastle. **367**. Notification by William II to William Bp. of Durham and Robert Picot and all the barons of Northumberland.

That he has granted to St. Mary and St. Oswin and the monks of Tynemouth their court, 'sicut ipse habeo, cum aliis meis consuetudinibus.'

Witness: Eudo, Dapifer, *apud obsessionem Novi Castri.*

[Copy B.M. Cotton MS. Tib. E. VI (St. Alban's Cartulary), fo. 118; transcripts in Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 78, and B.M. Lansdowne MS. 863.
Hist. of Northumberland, viii. 53 *n*.]

368. Notification by William II to T[homas] the Abp. [of York] and W[illiam] Bp. of Durham and all his barons. [1095.] Newcastle.
That he has given and granted to God and St. Alban the church of Tynemouth and the appurtenances of the church, both north and south of Tyne, with all the gifts made by Earl Robert of Northumberland and his men before the earl incurred forfeiture.
Witnesses: Eudo, *Dapifer*; P. de Valognes.

[Cotton Tiberius E. VI, fo. 116 (copy).
Monasticon, iii. 313.]

369. Precept by William I or II to Turold (MS. *C.*) Abbot of Peterborough. [1078–95.]
To let the Abbot [Baldwin] of St. Edmunds have a sufficiency of stone for building his new church, as he has hitherto had it, and to cause him no further hindrance in bringing the stone to the water.
Witness: [William] Bp. of Durham.

[Album Registrum Mon. S. Edmunds (B. M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 32 v° (copy).
Battely, *Antiquitates S. Edmundi Burgi*, p. 50 (e *Registro Sacristae*, fo. 23 *b* et *Registro Nigro*).]

The old church at Bury St. Edmunds was destroyed in 1078. The new church was completed in 1096 (Liebermann, *Ungedr. Geschichtsquellen*, p. 130) or 1095 (*Memorials of St. Edmunds*, i. 351). William of Durham died Jan. 2, 1096.

370. Notification by William II to Hugh of Beauchamp and all his barons of Bucks. [1087–95.]
That Gilbert Abbot of Westminster has proved his title to the land of Burnham and of Cippenham, by gift of the King's father. This by the King's writ and in the presence of the Bp. of Durham, the Bp. of Winchester, Eudo, *Dapifer*, Ivo Taillebois, Robert, *Dispensator*.
Witnesses: [William] Bp. of Durham; [Walchelin] Bp. of Winchester.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 523 (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 136.]

371. Notification by William II, generally addressed. [1087–95.] Windsor.
That no one is to claim anything in Stonor except Wido Abbot of St. Augustine's: the brethren of that house are to have that estate freely and the whole shore up to the middle of the water; because their right has been proved in the presence of the king's justiciar at Stonor, in a suit between the men of the abbot and the men of London.
Witnesses: William Bp. of Durham[1] (*Ampelino* MSS.): R[oger] Bigot.

[Copies in Cartulary of St. Austin's (Trinity Hall, Cambridge), fo. 67; Cotton MS. Claud. D. X, fo. 197; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 94; Cartae Antiquae, No. 9 (4).
Hist. Mon. S. Augustini Cant. p. 355; *Monasticon*, i. 143.]

[1] See note to preceding charter.

372. Precept by William II to H[aimo], *Dapifer*, and all the barons of Kent. [1087–95.] Windsor.
That St. Augustine [of Canterbury] and Abbot Wido have all their rights and customs in Stonor. No one is to do them wrong in this respect.
Witness: William Bp. of Durham.

[Copies in St. Austin's Cartulary, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, fo. 67 v°; Cotton MS. Julius D. II, fo. 94; Charter Rolls, 20 Ed. II, No. 6; 8 Hen. IV, No. 1; Pat. Rolls, 4 Ed. IV, m. 29; 2 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 5; Cartae Antiquae, No. 9 (3).
Historia S. Augustini, p. 356.]

This suit is mentioned in a writ of Henry I (*Historia*, p. 360) as having taken place in the reign of William II.

373. Notification by William II to Herbert the bishop [of Thetford], Roger Bigod, H[umfrey] the chamberlain, and William Albini and his other men in Norfolk. [1092–5.]

That Aldwin Abbot of Ramsey have his rights of jurisdiction in Ringstead (co. Norfolk) and Bramcestre (Brancaster, co. Norfolk) as his predecessors had them in the time of William I, 'et quemadmodum juratae erant apud Tetford et Ailsi abbas easdem consuetudines apud Norwic dirationavit.'

Witness: W[illiam] Bp. of Durham.

[Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis, p. 209.]

William of St. Calais was reinstated by Rufus at Durham on Sept. 11, 1091, and died Jan. 2, 1096.

[1093–5.] **374**. Notification by William II to O[sbert] the sheriff and the barons of Lincoln, French and English.

That he has granted to Robert Bp. of Lincoln the third penny of the wapentake of Estou at firm for £10 by tale every year, to hold so long as he lives.

Witnesses: [William] Bp. of Durham; Bishop Wach' [Walchelin of Winchester]; Ranulf, the chaplain.

['Registrum Antiquissimum' at Lincoln, No. V (copy).]

[1094–5.] **375**. Precept by William II to all sheriffs in whose shires Thomas Abp. [of York] has lands.

That the Abp. is to hold his lands, at Launtona and elsewhere, with soc and sac and toll and team and all other rights which were enjoyed by Abp. Aldred in the time of King Edward and of William I; and is to hold the lands which William I gave him as honourably as he did in William's time.

Witnesses: The Bp. of Durham; the Bp. of Lincoln.

[Copies in Liber Albus, York Minster, Part I, fo. 62; Part II, fo. 5.
Monasticon, viii. 1178.]

From the order in which the two bishops are placed they must be William of St. Calais and Robert Bloet.

1096 May 24. Bayeux. **376**. Confirmation by Robert Duke of Normandy to Abbot Jarenton of Dijon.

Of the house of St. Vigor at Bayeux, as granted to Bp. Odo, to be a cell of Dijon.

[Original in Archives of the Côte d'Or.
Noticed in Le Prevost, *Orderic Vitalis*, iii. 265 note.]

Dated 'Anno ab incarnatione Domini MºXCºVIº, indictione quarta, concurrente VIIº, epacta XXªIIIª, XºIXº anno principatus Rotberti, Guillelmi Anglorum regis filii ducis Normanniae, haec carta firmata est et sigillo suo confirmata. Actum publice Bajoias, mense maio die XXªIVª, IXº kalendas junii, luna XXªVIIª, ciclo decemnovali XIVº. Ego Hugo, Divionensis ecclesiae monachus, jussu ejusdem Robberti ducis Normanniae scripsi et subscripsi, vice cancellarii Radulfi.'

Robert here dates the beginning of his ducal power from 1077.

[1096 Sept.] Hastings. **377**. Notification by William II to W[alchelin] Bp. of Winchester, and Dur[and] the sheriff, and Henry de Port, and all the lieges of Hants and England.

That he has granted to St. Peter of the old Minster and the monks and Bp. Walchelin a fair to be held at St. Giles' church, which is situated on the eastern hill at Winchester: and all the renders and the justice (*justicias*) which pertain to the king in the city of Winchester for three whole days, viz. the day before the feast, the feast, and the day after the feast; to be held with all the customs which the king would have if the fair were his own. All who resort to the fair are to have the king's firm peace.

Witnesses: Robert Bp. of Lincoln; Robert fitz Haimon; Ranulf, the Chaplain, Robert fitz Gerold; Roger de Nonant; Urso de Abitot.

[Charter Roll, 10 Ed. II, No. 3 (copy).
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 351.]

'Hoc donum confirmatum est apud Hastingas quando rex predictus perrexit in Normanniam pro concordia Rodberti comitis fratris sui euntis Ierosolymam.'

378. Notification by William II to Bishop Osbern, and William fitz Baldwin, and Guarin the sheriff of Cornwall, and all the lieges French and English of Devon and Cornwall. 1096.

That he has granted to God and St. Mary and the church of Tavistock for the souls of his father and mother and himself the manor of Wlurintuna [? Worington, co. Devon], that Guimund and his successors in the abbacy may hold it for ever. 'Hoc denique sciant omnes quod rex per cultellum eburneum quod in manu tenuit et abbati porrexit hoc donum peregit apud curiam . . . qui quidem cultellus jacet in feretro sancti Rumoni.'

Witnesses: Walkelin Bp. of Winchester; John Bp. of Bath; Turstin Abbot of Glastonbury.

[Copy in Cartulary of Tavistock.
Monasticon, ii. 497.]

The manor of Wlurintone is not mentioned in *D.B.* among the properties of Tavistock, but is entered as royal demesne (*D.B.* i. 101, iv. 90).

The date of this grant is given in a precedent notitia, which describes how the King in the Lent of 1096 sent to Devon and Cornwall and Exeter his *optimates* Walchelin Bp. of Winchester, Ranulf the Chaplain, William Chièvre and Hardin son of Belnold, 'ad investiganda regalia placita.' They found the abbot in possession of Wlurintuna, and claimed it as royal demesne. But he proved his title and this charter was then granted to him. This early mention of an Iter is noteworthy.

379. Notice to the effect that in the year 1096 Hugo de Port, sheriff (*vicarius*) of Winchester, having become a monk, gave to the church of St. Peter of Gloucester, Littleton in Hampshire. This grant was confirmed by William II, and also by Henry de Port, the son of the donor, and by Adam de Port. 1096.

[Hist. Mon. S. Petri Gloucest. (MS. Queen's College, Oxford, No. ccclxvii).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. i. 93.]

For the manor of Littleton see *D.B.* (Hants) i. 45 *b*, where it appears among the lands held of the King by Hugo de Port. The above record supplies a useful date in the history of a great official family.

380. Mandate by William II to his sheriffs and officials. [c. 1096.][1]

To cause the canons of Waltham to have their lands and customs as they had them in the time of the king's father.

Witness: William Daubeni.

[Copies in MS. Cotton Tib. C. 9; Harl. 391.
W. Stubbs, *The Foundation of Waltham Abbey*, p. 50.]

[1] So Stubbs, without reasons.

381. Notification by William I or II to French and English. [1086–96.]

That he has given to St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot Gilbert the churches of Rutland and the lands thereto pertaining, as Alberic the Lotharingian used to hold them from the King.

Witness: Hugh de Port.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 621, Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 62.
Monasticon, i. 301, No. xliii.]

The rubric is 'Carta Regis Willelmi Primi.' For Alberic see Round's *Commune of London*, p. 36, and *D.B.* i. 294, where he is entered as holding three churches in Rutland shire. Cf. also No. 420 *infra*.

382. Notification by William I or II to Hugh de Port and all his lieges. [1086–96.]

That he has given to St. Peter of Westminster the tithe of Rutland: 'et tu Hugo de Portu inde eum saisias.'

[B. M. Cotton Charter XVI. 2 (original); Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 621; Cotton Faustina A. III, fo. 62 v°.
Monasticon, i. 302, No. xliv; Madox, *Formulare Anglicanum* (1702), p. 290.]

383. Precept by William II to William of Cahaignes [sheriff of Northampton]. [1087–96.]

To convene the shire of Northampton and learn by their judgement if the

land of Isham paid a ferm to the monks of Ramsey in the time of William I; and if so, let it be in the demesne of the abbot. If it was then 'teinland', let the man who has it hold from the abbot. If he will not, let the abbot have the land in demesne.

Witness: W[illiam] Bishop of Durham.

[P.R.O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy).
Brady's *Hist. England*, Pref. 49; Bigelow, *Placita A.-N.* p. 71; Palgrave, *Commonwealth*, II. clxxix; *Ramsey Cartulary* (R.S.) i. 233.]

This apparently relates to land in Isham which *D.B.* (i. 228*a*) records as held by a certain Eustace: 'Hanc terram occupavit vi Eustachius super aecclesiam de Ram.'

Aug. 15 [1090–6]. Rouen.

384. Charter by Robert Duke of Normandy to St. Mary of Rouen.

Granting his right of *bernagium* over the land of Pierreval. This gift was made in the church itself, on the day of the Assumption, the duke placing it on the altar by means of a knife, William being then Archbishop and celebrating mass on the feast day.

Witnesses: Robert Count of Meulan; Alberic de Cocceio; Robert, son of Hugh de Montfort, and many of the duke's barons; Ralph the Chancellor; Ernulf de Cioches the Chaplain.

[Cart. of St. Mary of Rouen (Public Library, Rouen), fo. 47, 115 v° (copy).
Round, *C.D.F.* 2 (calendared).]

The date appears to be fixed by Orderic Vitalis, iii. 337, 475. It was between the years 1090 and 1096 that Robert of Meulan was in Normandy, nominally in the service of Duke Robert. On *bernagium* cf. *E.H.R.* xxiii. 504; *Monasticon*, vii. 1074; *A.H.R.* xiv. 464.

[1091–6.] Salisbury.

385. Notification by William II to Humphrey the Chamberlain, Ralph Passelewe, Odbert, and all of Norfolk and Suffolk.

That he has given to Bp. Herbert [of Norwich] all those lands which were viewed by Bp. Walchelin [of Winchester], R[anulf] the Chaplain, and Roger Bigot; in order that the bishop may make his church, and houses for himself and his monks, at Norwich castle; to be held with sac and soc and all other customs, on condition that the bishop places monks there to serve God in perpetuity. The addressees are to give the bishop seisin.

Witnesses: W[alchelin] Bp. [of Winchester]; Ranulf the Chaplain.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Claud. D. XIII (Binham Register); Charter Rolls, 34 Ed. I, No. 11; 2 Ed. II, No. 30; 12 Ed. III, No. 42; Pat. Rolls, 2 Ric. II, pt. 1, m. 7; 14 Ed. IV, pt. 1, m. 3; Confirmation Rolls, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 7, No. 3; 4 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 3. Bodl. Dugdale MS. XI, fo. 84 (transcript); Bodl. Dodsworth MS. 59, p. 19.
Monasticon, iv. 13; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, iii. p. 70.]

The Bishop began to build at Norwich in 1096.

[1094–5.] How.

386. Notification by William II to R[obert] Bp. of Lincoln, &c.

That he confirms the gift of the manor of Spalding, made by Ivo Taillebois to St. Nicholas of Angers; the church of that manor and those who serve it are to have the manor and its appurtenances, with sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief; their tenure to commence either before or after the death of the said Ivo, as he prefers.

Witnesses: W[illiam] Bp. of Durham; Robert fitz Haimon; William the Chancellor; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigot.

['Ex vet. Apographo penes . . . Oldfield armig. hodiernum Loci dominum' (1648).
Monasticon, iii. 216.]

The priory of Spalding was founded after 1086, but in or before 1092 (see *Monasticon*, iii. 216, No. 5, where the dedication is witnessed by Bp. Remigius).

[1095–6.]

387. Notification by William II to the tenants of the see of Worcester.

That the bishop [Wulfstan] being dead, the honour of Worcester has come into the king's hand; and they are to pay as reliefs certain sums, of which he gives a list. 'Et qui hoc facere noluerit Urso et Bernardus saisiant et terras et pecunias in manu mea.'

Witnesses: Ranulf the Chaplain; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Urso de Abitot.

[MS. Cotton Tiberius A. XIII, fo. 37 (copy).
Heming's Chartulary (ed. T. Hearne, 1723), i. 79; Round, *Feudal England*, p. 309; *Monasticon*, i. 601 (from Hearne).]
On the date see Round *u.s.*

388. Precept by William II to H[enry] Earl [of Warwick] and Urse of Abitot [sheriff of Worcestershire] and W. son of Corbucio [sheriff of Warwickshire]. [1095–6.]

To let the prior and monks of Worcester hold their land at Alveston [co. Warwick] and their mill at Salwarp [co. Worcester], which Bp. Wulfstan gave them for his lifetime, in such wise as they have held hitherto and as they hold their other lands. All property appropriated to the maintenance of the monks is to be in the hands of the prior.

Witness: R[obert] *Dispensator*.

[Copies in Charter Rolls, 6 Ed. II, No. 27; 3 Ed. III, No. 23; 9 Ed. III, No. 49; 15–17 Ric. II, No. 2, Pat. Rolls, 10 Ed. I, m. 10; 1 Ed. IV, pt. 6, m. 23; Confirmation Rolls, 3 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 15; 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 5, No. 6; Bodleian Dugdale MS. 12, p. 523 (transcript).
Cal. Pat. Rolls, 10 Ed. I p. 26; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, iii. 206.]
Issued after the death of Bp. Wulfstan, and before the appointment of Bp. Samson.

389. Notification by William to W[alchelin] the bishop, [Samson] the bishop, R[anulf] the chaplain, and the king's justiciars, and Walter sheriff of Gloucestershire, and all the king's lieges. [1097.] Isle of Wight.

That the king has granted to Hucus [*sic*] the bishop the land which Harscuidus Musard gave him, to wit, Estona.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor; Urse of Abitot.

[Ely: Liber Eliensis, II. cxxix (copy).
Liber Eliensis (1848), 263–4.]
Walchelin and Ranulf Flambard were left as joint-regents in 1097 when Rufus departed for France [Annales Winton].

390. Precept by William II to Peter, sheriff of Oxford. [1087–97.]

That Abbot Rainald of Abingdon and his monks have all their customs as in the days of the Confessor and William I.

Witness: Ranulf the Chaplain.

[*Postscript.*] The addressee is to do full right to the abbot in the matter of Eadwi his (Peter's) reeve and his other servants who have done wrong to the monks.

[Cotton MS. Claud. B. VI (copy).
Hist. Mon. Abingdon, ii. 41.]
Abbot Rainald died in 1097.

391. Precept by William II to Walter, son of Oter (the king's forester in Berkshire and castellan of Windsor). [1087–97.]

Forbidding him to meddle with the land of [Rainald] Abbot of Abingdon, and let the abbot have his wood freely 'praeter silvestrem silvam et pascua suorum hominum'.

[Cotton MS. Claud. B. VI, fo. 128 (copy).
Hist. Mon. Abingdon, ii. 29; *Monasticon*, i. 518.]
In the time of Osmund Bp. of Salisbury and of Abbot Rainald († 1097). The land in question was at Winkfield.

392. Precept by William II to H[ermer] de Ferrers and G[odric] the Dapifer, and Goscelin and the royal officials of Norfolk and Suffolk. [1087–97.]

That Abbot Baldwin of St. Edmunds [Bury] is to have his lands and his customs, and his moneyer and money-changers, as in the time of King Edward and of William I. If any one has a claim against the abbot, let right be done after the abbot has been put back in possession.

Witness: Hugh de Grantmesnil.

[Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 38 (copy).
E. H. R. xxiv. 424.]
On the mint at Bury St. Edmunds see *E. H. R.*, *u.s.*

[1087–97.] **393.** Precept by William II to all his judges (*judicibus*) and sheriffs and officials.

That St. Edmund and Baldwin the Abbot and his monks hold their lands and men and sac and soc and all customs as fully and honourably as the writs of the Confessor and William I and the King himself testify. The men of the Saint shall not be constrained to attend the courts of shire or hundred, except those who hold so much land that they were shire-worthy or hundred-worthy in the time of King Edward. The Saint and his men are not to be impleaded for any thing of which the Saint was seised on the day when William I was alive and dead.

Witness: Ralf fitz Urse.

[Registrum Album S. Edmundi (B. M. Add. MS. 14847), fo. 33 (copy).
E. H. R. xxiv. 424.]

[1093–7.] **394.** Precept by William II to the sheriff [of Suffolk].

To cause [Baldwin] the Abbot of St. Edmunds to have his 8½ hundreds with the customs thereto pertaining as well as St. Edmund ever held them in the times of the Confessor and William I and of the King himself. Justice to be done on those who withhold the rights of St. Edmund.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor; Eudo, *Dapifer.*

[Album Registrum S. Edmundi (Add. MS. 14847), fo. 33 (copy).]

[1087–97.] **395.** Notification by William II to B[aldwin] Abbot of St. Edmunds [Bury] and H[umphrey] the chamberlain and H[ugh] of Bochland and the barons of Norfolk, Suffolk and Bedfordshire.

That he has granted Ralph, the dapifer of the abbot, the lands of Lidgate and of Blunham, to hold from St. Edmunds and the abbot as well as he ever held them for any single day and night. Whatever has been unjustly subtracted from that holding is to be restored; and Ralph is to answer no man respecting his title, without a precept from the King or the abbot.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; [Robert] Count of Meulan; Ralph de Bainard, Chaplain (*Rann' capellano de Bainardo*).

[B. M. Add. MS. 14848, fo. 32 (copy); Bod., Dodsworth MS. 105, fo. 41 (abstract).]
The appearance of Hugh of Bochland as sheriff of Bedfordshire shows that this grant belongs to the reign of William II. A virgate at Blunham [co. Beds.] is entered in 1086 as belonging to Bury St. Edmunds (*D. B.* i. 210 *b*). Ralf *Baignardi* occurs in Domesday (ii. 413) as a tenant in chief.

[1096–7.] Salisbury. **396.** Precept by William II to Thomas Abp. of York and R[obert] Bp. [of Lincoln] and his sheriffs, and of all England.

That the monks of St. Cuthbert [of Durham] are not to answer for their lands, men, or customs, of which they were seised at the day of the death of Bp. William. Whatever has been taken from them since the death of the said bishop is to be restored. Whoever has disseised them or done them any wrong has infringed the King's peace and shall make amends to the King.

Witnesses: Bp. Walchelin [of Winchester]; William the Chancellor.

[Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67 (copy).]
Like but not identical with Prima Prime Reg. No. 4.

[1096–7.] **397.** Grant by William II to Gilbert the Abbot, and the monks of St. Stephen at Caen.

Of a manor named Creech (*Cocré*) in Somerset, with soc and sac, toll and team and the other customs pertaining to the demesne manors of the Crown, in exchange for his father's crown and regalia. And a confirmation of all that they held in England by grant or confirmation of his father (enumerated).

Signa: King William; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Robert Bp. of Lincoln (*Metholiae*); John Bp. of Bath; Turgis Bp. of Avranches; Gerard Bp. of Hereford; Hugh Earl of Chester; Robert Count of Meulan; [Robert] fitz Haimon; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigot; William Peverel; William the Chancellor; Robert fitz Gerold; Robert de Montfort; Ranulf the Chaplain, &c.

['Ex codice MS. in archivis Abbatiae Cadomensis' (1663).
Neustria Pia, pp. 638-9 (analysed). La Roque, *Maison d'Harcourt*, iv. 1334 (analysed).]
William I had given to St. Stephen the church at Creech with 10 hides; but the manor of Creech remained in the hands of the Crown (*Monasticon*, vii. 1070; *D.B.* i. 86 *b*, 91). Henry I gave the manor of Burton Bradstock in exchange for Creech (Round, *C. D. F.* p. 157; and *Monasticon*, vii. 1071).

398. Grant by William II to God and the monks of La Charité. [1093-7.]
Of the church of St. Saviour's, Bermondsey, and the manor of Bermondsey; and the gifts made by Robert Bp. of Lincoln, Winebald of Baalun, Odo of Tiron, Walter son of Ansger, Peter of St. Olaf (enumerated), and whatever has been given to them in London.

Signa: King William; Henry, the King's brother; Walchelin Bp. of Winchester (Monast. *Lundoniensis*); Osmund Bp. of Salisbury; John [? Bp.] of Somerset; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger of Novant; Roger Bicel; Peter de Valognes; Richard Delamera; Aylwin, joint donor with the King of the church of St. Saviour to the monks of La Charité, namely Richard, Osbert and Vinbald who were present.

['Ex registro Bermondsey penes Johan. Selden.' Also in B.M. Lansdowne MS. 863, fo. 92 (St. George's transcript).
Monasticon, v. 100.]
'Letaldus scripsit et subscripsit feliciter. Amen.'

399. Precept by William II to W. the Bishop and R. the Chaplain. [1093-7.] Nottingham.
To give Eudo *Dapifer* seisin of the manor of Dereman which Lefstan his brother held; as well stocked as on the day when Lefstan received it after the death of his brother, except for what Lefstan consumed from his demesne. And to cause the men who departed after Dereman's death to return with all their chattels.

Witness: William the Chancellor.

[Copy in Cartulary of St. John of Colchester (formerly belonging to Earl Cowper).
Cart. St. John's Colchester, i. 28.]
Postscript added: 'Et similiter concedo ei omnes res illas que ipsi manerio pertinent sicut unquam ibi fuerunt. Teste ipso.'
The Bp. W. to whom this writ is addressed is either William of Durham (†1096) or Walchelin of Winchester (†1097).

400. Notification by William II to Walter the sheriff and the barons, French and English, of Gloucestershire. [1093-7.]
That he has given to the church of St. Andrew of Rochester and to Bp. Gundulf the manor of Estona which belonged to the Countess Goda, as free and quit as she held it, and as the King himself had it in his demesne, with the customs which in the English tongue are called soc and sac, toll and team, and infangthief. This for the souls of the King, his father and his mother.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Robert Bp. of Lincoln; William the Chancellor; Ranulf the Chaplain; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigot; Hugo de Envermeu.

[Textus Roffensis XCVI (copy).
Monasticon, i. 163; Hearne, *Textus Roffensis* (1720), 157.]
Estona is entered in Domesday Book (i. 164) as a manor in the royal demesne.

401. Notification (? spurious) by William II to William fitz Baldwin the sheriff and all the King's barons and officials of Devon. [1087-97.] Winchester.
That the church of St. Olave at Exeter has been built in honour of St. Nicholas by the monks of Battle with his licence; and that he makes free by his letters and seal all the land of the said church, giving to it the same

privileges which William I gave to St. Martin of Battle 'ubi hostem devicit et ubi coronam regni haereditariam sibi bellando adquisivit'.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Roger Bigod.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 11 Ed. III, No. 29; Pat. Roll, 18 Hen. VI, pt. 3, m. 13; City of Exeter, Archives (inspex. 20 Hen. VII).
Monasticon, iii. 377; Oliver, *Monasticon Exon.*, p. 117, No. 2.]

The language and form of this grant are suspicious. Concerning the church of St. Olave in Exeter see *D. B.* i. 104, iv. 178; where the church is entered as belonging to Battle.

[1087–97.] London. **402.** Notification by William to his barons and lieges of Middlesex.

That he has confirmed to St. Peter of Westminster and Abbot Gilbert the manor of Eye, given by Geoffrey de Mandeville and his wife; to be held with all laws and customs; that is sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief (*latronem*), on the highway and off it, during feast-tides and out of feast-tides.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. of Winchester; Haimo and others.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 103; Liber Niger (Dean and Chapter, Westminster), fo. 5 v°.
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 140.]

This grant is by William II not William I, as appears from the confirmation by Henry I (Armitage Robinson, *u.s.*, p. 142). The manor of Eye is entered in *D. B.* (i. 129 *b*) among the Middlesex possessions of Geoffrey de Mandeville.

[1070–98.] Winchester. **403.** Mandate by King William to Thomas Abp. of York and Erneis de Buron [*Erni de Bur'*] and all the barons of Yorkshire.

That the abbot and monks of Selby hold the vill of Hamilton, given by Ilbert de Lacy, free of all service.

Witness: Ivo Taillebois.

[Selby Cartulary (Brooke), lf. 14 *b* (copy).
J. T. Fowler, *Selby Coucher Book*, i. 25.]

Ivo Taillebois was dead by 1098. See *D. B.* i. 315 *b* where Erneis appears as Ilbert's tenant in Hamilton.

[1087–98.] **404.** Mandate by William II to Thomas Abp. [of York] and the King's sheriffs and lieges.

That the church of St. German at Selby have its customs as fully as St. Peter's of York, and in like manner its lands. This for the love of God and the soul of the King's father.

Witness: Ivo Taillebois.

[Selby Cartulary (Brooke), lf. 11 (copy).
J. T. Fowler, *Selby Coucher Book*, i. 12.]

[1094–7.] **405.** Notification by William II to all his lieges and officials.

That the abbot and monks of St. Peter of Shrewsbury are quit of toll and passage-money through the whole kingdom.

Witnesses: Walchelin Bp. [of Winchester]; Serlo Abbot of Gloucester; William Giffard, Chancellor; Ranulf the Chaplain; Robert fitz Haimon.

[Copies in Charter Roll, 51 Hen. III, m. 1; Charter Roll, 3 Rich. II, pt. 1, m. 26.
Cal. Charter Rolls, ii. 81.]

[1087–98.] **406.** Precept by William II to I[vo] Taillebois and Osbert the clerk.

That the canons of St. Mary of Lincoln are to have their tithes and customs as fully as in the time of the King's father.

Witness: R. Bp. [of Lincoln].

[Cotton MS. Vesp. *E.* xvi. fo. 4.
Monasticon, viii. 1272, No. xv.]

[1093–8.] **407.** Precept by William II to O[sbert] the sheriff of Lincoln.

To reseise the canons of St. Mary of Lincoln of the lands of which they were disseised after the King fell ill; and take good sureties of those who are responsible for the disseisin.

Witnesses: Robert fitz Haimon; Ivo Taillebois. [*Postscript.*] 'Maxime resaisi eos de terra ecclesie de Castra T. predictorum.'

[Lincoln 'Registrum Antiquissimum', No. xiii (copy).]
Castor church, though given to Lincoln by William I, was still held by the Crown in 1086 (*D.B.* i. 375 *b*).

408. Precept by William to R[obert] the Bp. and Roger fitz Gerold and all his barons of Lincolnshire. [1093–8.]

That the men of Spalding are to pay the monks of Spalding their ferm and rent and whatever they used to render to the monks in the time of Ivo Taillebois, at the same dates at which they rendered in his time. Neither Osbern the sheriff nor Colgrim are to interfere, until the King gives further orders.

[Copy in B.M. Add. MS. 35296, fo. 87 (Register of Spalding Priory).]
Roger fitz Gerold was the husband of the heiress of Ivo Taillebois (*Monasticon*, iii. 215). Ivo's grant was made in 1085. This charter and No. 409 are closely connected, and No. 409 is not later than 1098.

409. Notification by William to Robert Bp. of Lincoln, and Osbern the sheriff, and all his barons and lieges. [1093–8.]

That he has granted to St. Peter of Burgh and Abbot Turold and his monks, for their maintenance, those lands which Ivo Taillebois held of the said monks and restored to them in his life-time, in such wise that they should return to the monks on his death; as the chirograph attests which was drawn up between Ivo and Abbot Turold. The lands in question are Scotere and Walcot. They are to be held as freely as any other lands of St. Peter.

[Copies in Egerton MS. 2733, fo. 49 (Peterborough Register); Lansdowne MS. 992, fo. 121 (late transcript).]

410. Charter by William II, addressed to R[obert] Bp. of Lincoln and all his barons and lieges of Shropshire. [1094–8.] Salisbury.

Confirming the gift of Earl Hugh de Montgomeri and Ernulf his brother to the Abbey of St. Mary of La Sauve Majeure, namely the church of Quatford [co. Salop] and its appurtenances.

Witnesses: William the Chancellor; Eudo, *Dapifer*; Ivo Taillebois; Ivo de Grantemaisnil; Nigel de Oilli; Walter of Dunstanville and Robert his brother; Adam; William Quairel; Ernold Barbeloth.

[Copy in Cartulary of St. Mary, La Sauve Majeure (Public Library, Bordeaux, No. 770), fo. 170 *d*.
Round, *C.D.F.* 1234.]

411. Writ by William II to Walter the sheriff of Gloucester. [1094–8.]

Horsley [co. Glos.] the land of St. Martin's Troarn is to be rated and quit for all claims at 7 hides.

Witnesses: Hugh Count of Shrewsbury; Robert fitz Haimon.

[Roll in Archives du Calvados (copy).
Round, *C.D.F.* 468 (calendared); D'Anisy, *Catalogue*, ii. 235 (calendared incorrectly).]
In Domesday Book (i. 166 *b*) Horsley is assessed at 10 hides.

412. Precept by William II to T[homas] Abp. [of York], and H. the sheriff and R. Paganel and all his barons and lieges. [1096–8.]

That G. . . . . . .[1] of Durham hold his lands and customs and men and everything which he holds from the King as well and quietly as William Bp. of Durham held in his life-time. No geld is henceforth to be demanded from Nordteisa, and no distraint to be levied there. It is the King's will that the geld be altogether remitted.

[1] Word erased, both in the 'original' and in the Great Cartulary. Mr. Cra'ster suggests that G. was custodian of the temporalities *sede vacante* after the death of Carileph.

Witnesses: W[alchelin] the Bp. [of Winchester]; V[rse] of Abitôt; W[illiam] de Albini.

Seal: White wax; mutilated.

[Durham Cathedral, 1ma 1mae Regalium, No. 8 (pretended original); Cart. I. 46 (copy). Surtees, *Hist. Durham*, vol. i, pt. 1, p. cxxv; Raine's *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptt. Tres*, App. p. xxviii, No. xvi (from the Cartulary).]

[1087–98.] Winchester.

413. Precept by William II to Ralph fitz Ilger [sheriff of Hunts.] and R. his nephew (*nepos*).

To reseise the Abbot of Ramsey of the half-hide in Bythorn [co. Hunts.] of which Humphrey the larderer disseised him; for the King does not desire the abbot to lose anything that pertains to the food and raiment of the monks.

Witnesses: Eudo, *Dapifer*; Turold the King's Chaplain.

[Bodleian, MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rames. [R. S.], p. 213.]

This Turold is the same to whom Rufus gave the see of Bayeux in 1097 or 1098. Turold Bp. of Bayeux was brother to Hugh of Envermeu. Apparently the Ramsey scribes have elsewhere confused him with the better known Turold of Peterborough. For the lands of Ramsey at Bythorn (*Bierne*) see *D. B.* i. 204 *b*.

Pentecost [May 29, 1099.] Westminster.

414. Record of a gift by Robert Count of Meulan to the abbot and monks of Préaux.

Of the manor of Toft Monks [co. Norfolk] and the tithe of Charlton Marstall [co. Dorset] and Spettisbury [co. Dorset]; for the souls of King William and Queen Matilda, and for the weal of their son William, King of the English. This gift was confirmed by William, King of the English, at Pentecost, when he first held his court in his new hall at Westminster.

[Cartulary of Préaux (Archives de l'Eure, H. 711), fo. 146.
Round, *C. D. F.* 326 (calendared).]

[1099. After June 5.]

415. Precept by William II to all his barons and lieges of Middlesex.

The church and canons of St. Paul's, London, are to hold freely and quit of danegelds, gelds, host-service and work-service their twenty-four hides near the city of London, as the King's father commanded by his charter.

Witnesses: Ranulf Bp. of Durham; William Giffard the Chancellor; Hamo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in Cambridge Univ. Library, MS. 1075, fo. 79; St. Paul's, Dean and Chapter, 'Statuta Minora', fo. 71 *b*; ib. 'Liber Pilosus', fo. 13 *b*; Charter Rolls, 9 Ed. II, No. 37; Cotton Vesp. B. XV, fo. 40 v° (abstract); Confirmation Rolls, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 2, No. 9; 3 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 11; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 7, No. 7; 2 Eliz. pt. 2, No. 7; 3 Jas. I, pt. 3, No. 10.
Cal. Ch. Roll, iii. 291; Simpson's *Registrum*, p. 113; *Hist. MSS. Comm. Rep.* 9, p. 59.]

This grant may be connected with Ranulf Flambard's consecration at St. Paul's on June 5, 1099.

[1099.] Lindebona.

416. Precept by W[illiam II] to Ranulf, Bp. of Durham, and H[aimo] *Dapifer* and Urse of Abitot.

To cause the abbot and monks of the Holy Trinity of Fécamp to have all their rights and customs in the castle of Steyning [co. Sussex] and at Beeding [co. Sussex], and their parish, both the living and the dead, and their offerings and tithes; as they proved their right in the court of the King's father, and in that of the King himself, against the monks of St. Florent of Saumur and against Philip, son of William de Braiose. And to cause to be restored to the monks of Fécamp whatever the monks of Saumur have taken thence. Hugh of Bochland is to be sent to execute this judgement. The addressees are to take care that the King hears no complaint of default of justice.

Witness: [Robert] Count of Meulan.

[Original in Archives of Seine Inférieure, Rouen. Cartulary of Fécamp (Y 51 in same archives), fo. 16.
Haskins in *E. H. R.* xxvii. 103. Round, *C. D. F.* 119 (calendared, from cartulary only).]

The cartulary omits the King's initial. Mr. Round conjectured that this was a writ of Henry I.

417. Notification by William, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum,' to Bp. O[smund of Salisbury] and O. the sheriff. [1078–99.] Cricklade.

That the church of St. Peter at Westminster is to have its land, with sac and soc, as Robert fitz Wimarc gave it.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 679 v° (copy).]

For Robert fitz Wimarc, or Robert the Staller, see J. H. Round in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*

418. Notification by William [II], 'rex Anglorum' to all sheriffs and reeves wherever the monks of the church of Canterbury have lands. May 1 [1087–99.] Brampton.

That he has confirmed to the monks all their property, with power of granting their land and taking it away from any one as they please. The men of the said church are to obey the monks in all things.

Witnesses: Ranulf the Chaplain; Hamo, *Dapifer*; Urso de Abitot.

[Original in Canterbury Chapter Archives C. 11; copies in Pat. Roll, 12 Henry VI, pt. 2, membranes 9–1; Confirm. Rolls, 4 Hen. VII, pt. 1, No. 4; 1 Hen. VIII, pt. 3, No. 6. *Calendar Pat. Rolls*, 12 Hen. VI, p. 417; *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes*, lxix. 572–3.]

Delisle in the *Bibl. de l'École des Chartes* attributes this to William I. But the appearance of Ranulf Flambard at the head of the list of witnesses is a proof that Rufus, not his father, is the grantor.

Dated 'in die apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi'.

419. Precept by William II to R[anulf] his chaplain and his sheriffs and ministers. [1087–99.]

That wherever the Abbot of Ramsey or his men can find fugitives who have fled without licence or right from the land of the abbey, the addressees are to cause them to return, 'et videte ne aliquis eos ullo modo injuste retineat.'

Witnesses: Haimo, *Dapifer*; Hugo de Beauchamp.

[Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abbat. Rames. p. 212.]

420. Precept by William II to W. the sheriff. [1087–99.]

To do right to the Abbot of Westminster concerning the churches of Rutland which Osbern the clerk holds of him, and to cause the abbot to have all the lawful customs of the churches, as in the days of the King's father.

Witness: Ranulf Passeflambard.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 621; Cotton Faust. A. III, fo. 65.
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 139; Madox, *Formulare Anglicanum* (1702), p. 37.]

421. Notification by William II to Abp. Thomas [of York] and G[eoffrey] the sheriff. [1087–99.] York.

That he has granted to SS. Peter and Hilda of Presteby and Whitby, and to Serlo the prior of Whitby and to the monks, such laws and customs as are enjoyed by the churches of Beverley, Ripon and York; also the harbour [of Whitby] with the sea-weed on all their land; with soc and sac, toll and team and infangthief. No royal officer is to disturb the monks in the enjoyment of their woods and pastures. He confirms the gifts of William de Percy, founder of the said monastery; and remits the geld due on the land which the monks hold from royal demesne; viz. on two carucates in Hackness, four in Northfield, and two in Burniston. He grants in perpetual alms the church of All Saints, Fishergate, at York, for the construction of an abbey; which is to have sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief and all the liberties which the King's own abbeys have; that the monks may pray there in peace, by day and night, for him and for his heirs, the Kings of England.

Witnesses: Osmund Bp. [of Salisbury]; William de Percy.

[P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae DD. No. 25 (copy).
Whitby Cartulary, ii. 527.]

Attributed to William Rufus in the *Historia Fundationis* (Cart. I, p. 4).

The Abbot of York held Presteby from William de Percy at the time when the Domesday Survey was compiled (i. 305 *a*); land in Hackness is entered as belonging to St. Hilda (i. 323 *a*). William II was in the North in 1091 and in 1095. This grant probably belongs to one or other of these years.

[1094–9.] Roseium. **422.** Precept by William to Bp. R[obert] [of Lincoln] and Ranulf the Chaplain and H[aimo] the Dapifer and Urse of Abitot.

To assess Thorney Abbey for gelds and knight-service and all customs as leniently as any honour is assessed in England which has the same amount of land. If anything more has been taken from the Abbey, let it be restored.

Witness: W[illiam] the Chancellor.

[Transcript in Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 v° (from a Thorney Register).]

[1094–9.] Foucarmont. **423.** Memorandum of a suit pleaded at Foucarmont in the court of King William II between the monks of Saumur and Philip de Braiose; in the course of which the monks of Saumur claimed against the Holy Trinity of Fécamp the parish pertaining to the church of St. Cuthman in the castle of Steyning [co. Sussex], Beeding [co. Sussex], and Bedelinghetona. William [III] Abbot of Fécamp was present at that plea. Count Robert of Meulan bore witness for the abbot and monks that their right to the parish of St. Cuthman had been proved in the court of King William I. The monks of Saumur were ordered to restore whatever they had received, since the death of William I, that pertained to the monks of Fécamp in the way of tithes, burial fees and offerings. That this might be done without delay the King sent sealed letters to his justiciars of England (see following charter No. 424). As judges *ex parte regis* there sat in this plea: Robert Count of Meulan, Eudo Dapifer, William Giffard the Chancellor, William de Warelwast, William fitz Oger. Present on behalf of the Holy Trinity: Abbot William, Prior Hugo, Roger Baignart, Raher, Philip de Braiose, Fulbert the Archdeacon, Roger fitz Gerold, Geoffrey Martel, William Grenet, Ingelrand, Richard Delamara, Odo fitz Ansger, William Malus Conductus, and many others.

[P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae 29 (1) (copy).]

[1094–9.] **424.** Mandate by William II to his justiciars of England, Ralph Bp. of Chichester, Ranulf the Chaplain, Hamo *Dapifer*, and Urse of Abitot.

To cause the church of the Holy Trinity of Fécamp to have the whole of St. Cuthman [Steyning, co. Sussex], and the tithes and burials (*corpora*), and all customs from the living and from the dead which pertained to the said church before William de Braiose had Bramber castle; and whatever the monks of Saumar have usurped from the said customs is to be restored.

[Cartae Antiquae 29 (1) (abstract).
Selden, *Hist. of Tythes* (1618), p. 416 (analysed).]
For the possessions of Fécamp at Steyning see *D. B.* i. 17 and Round, *C. D. F.* 114.

[1094–9.] Rouen. **425.** Notification by William II to F. Veltrarius and Isenbard Brevarius and all his serjeants.

That he quit-claims of *bernagium*, until the King inquires what was the custom in his father's time, the land of Surceium, belonging to St. Mary [of Bec].

Witness: William the Chancellor.

[Fragment of Cartulary of Bec Archives of the Eure, *H.* 91, fo. 39 v° (copy).]
For the text of this charter I am indebted to Professor C. H. Haskins. For *bernagium* cf. Round, *C. D. F.* p. 1 (No. 2). An *Isembardus senescallus* witnesses three grants to St. Evroul, of which one is dated 1090 (Prevost, *Orderic Vitalis* v. 188, 189, 190).

[1096–9. **426.** Precept by William II to O. the Clerk of Lincoln.

That Turgot the Prior and the monks of St. Cuthbert [of Durham] are to hold all their lands and customs and property as well and honourably as they held them on the day when William Bp. of Durham was alive and dead. Whatever has since been taken from them is to be restored.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor; R[anulf] the Chaplain; Eudo, *Dapifer*; R[oger] Bigot.

[Copies in Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67, Cart. I, fo. 46.
Raine's *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptt. Tres*, App. p. xxvii, No. xv.]
The Bishop's grant (Raine, *l.c.*, No. xiv) is dated 1093; but the signatories give the date 1086–7.

427. Notification by William II to Th[omas] the Abp. [of York] and Bertram de Verdon and his barons of Yorkshire. Jan. 6 [1100.] Salisbury.

That he has restored to Ranulf Bp. of Durham all those lands concerning which there was a dispute between him and Alan de Percy; especially Lunt and Hogum and whatever pertains to Wellentona. Bertram is to give the bishop seisin.

Witnesses: William the Chancellor; [Robert] Count of Meulan; Robert fitz Haimon.

[*Monasticon*, i. 241.]
Cf. *D. B.* i. 304 *b*, where these manors appear among the Yorkshire lands of Durham.

428. *Record (spurious or wrongly dated) that William [II], King of the English, gave to St. Florent of Saumur the church of Andover, as it belonged to the saint in the time of King Edward; and ordered that those churches which had been built under the mother church at Andover, should be either destroyed or handed over to St. Florent. March 12 1100.

Witnesses: Wihenoc, monk of St. Florent; William the monk; Count Alan; Ivo Taillebois.

[Pancarte in Archives de Maine et Loir.
Bibl. de l'École des Chartes, 1879, p. 192; Round, *C. D. F.* 1150 (calendared).]
'Hanc cartam dictaverunt Rannulfus atque Gislebertus, Sancti Florentii monachi. Hanc etiam descripsit Noius diaconus, IV° idus marcii, videlicet in festivitate sancti Gregorii papae; ab incarnatione Domini anno existente MC°, indictione viii, epacta vii habente et concurrentibus vii existentibus.'
Ivo Taillebois was dead by 1098.

429. Precept by William II to Urse the sheriff and other sheriffs and officials under whom the Abbot of Evesham holds lands. April 4 1100. Winchester.

That the church of Evesham is to hold the whole of its honour as well and peacefully as in the time of King Edward and of William I and of the King himself, and as the abbot proved his right against Bp. S[amson of Worcester] in the King's presence. If the Bishop claim any of those things which William I and the King himself have confirmed to Evesham, the abbot shall not answer to the bishop except in the King's own court. No bishop is to hold ordinations or synods or confer orders at Evesham unless requested by the abbot to do so.

Witnesses: [1] A[nselm] Abp. of Canterbury; M[aurice] Bp. of London; R[obert] Bp. of Lincoln; R[anulf] Bp. of Durham; G[ilbert] Abbot of Westminster; R[ichard] Abbot of St. Albans; Eudo, *Dapifer*; W[illiam] the Chancellor, and many other barons.

[B. M. Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV, fo. 29 v° (copy).
Monasticon, ii. 18, No. ix.]
'Scripta est hec carta anno dominice incarnationis M°C° precipiente rege W. . . . in solemnitate Paschali, in quarta feria Paschae.'

[1] Anselm was not in England at the date named.

430. Notification by William I or II to T. the sheriff. [1066–1100.]

That he grants to the land of the canons of St. Mary of Lincoln exemption from all customs.

[MS. Cotton Vesp. E. xvi. 4 *a*.
Monasticon, viii. 1272, No. xiv.]

431. Notification by William I or II to T[homas] Abp. [of York] and G[eoffrey] Bainard, and all the barons of Yorkshire. [1070–1100.]

That he grants to St. Peter [of York] and the canons their land free from all claims, for providing hospitality and the necessities of the said church. Geoffrey is to deliver up the land without delay.

Witnesses: Eudo, *Dapifer*; Roger Bigod.

[Liber Albus, York Minster, pt. 1, fo. 62 (copy).
Monasticon, viii. 1178 (text corrupt).]

1070
1100.] **432.** Notification by William I or II to Abp. Thomas (*Thirstino* MS.) and the sheriff and all the tenants of Yorkshire.

That he has given to Count Alan St. Olave Clifton, and whatever pertains to the church and the manor.

[Bodleian, Dodsworth MS. 63, fo. 4.]

[1070–
1100.] **433.** Memorandum of a remission by William I or II to St. Martin of Marmoutier, Tours.

Of toll on fish and on everything the monks might bring for the use of their brethren.

Witnesses: Hugh Earl of Chester; Richard de Curci; Eudo the Seneschal.

[Copy in Collection Baluze [Bibl. Nationale, Paris], MS. 77, fo. 60.
Round, *C.D.F.* 1177.]

[1081–
1100.] **434.** Precept by William I or II to William de Carcario.

To do full right to Abbot Godfrey of Malmesbury respecting the land which Malger his brother gave to Malmesbury.

Witness: W[rse] de Albetot.

[P.R.O. Malmesbury Cartulary, fo. 137 (copy).
Registrum Malmesburiense (R.S.), i. 330.]

[1085–
1100.] **435.** Notification by William I or II to Maurice Bishop of London, the barons of Essex and the burgesses of Colchester.

That he has given to Eudo, dapifer, 'terram de Sollanda, pro qua misi Goisfridum de Magna Villa et Hamonem vicecomitem de Chent et Rannulfum fratrem Ilgeri videre illam.'

Witness: Urso de Abitot.

[Copy in Cartulary of St. John's, Colchester (formerly belonging to Earl Cowper).
Cartulary of St. John's, Colchester, i. 18.]

[1085–
1100.] **436.** Notification by William I or II to P[eter] the sheriff [of Essex] and all his officials.

That he has granted Abbot Gilbert sac and soc and infangthief, *in via et extra viam in festo die et extra*, in his manor of Fering, and all the customs which belonged to Vitalis, and to his other predecessors in King Edward's day.

Witnesses: The Abbot of Bec; W. the Chamberlain, and others.

[Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 244 (copy).
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 140.]

If this writ had been granted by Rufus, we should have expected some reference to his father. On the other hand see Armitage Robinson, *u.s.*, who ascribes it to Rufus.

[1085–
1100.]
Westminster. **437.** *Notification (spurious) by William to his earls, sheriffs and barons.

That he has confirmed the gift of Abbot Gilbert and the monks of Westminster to Hugh de Coleham of the hereditary sewership of the abbey.

Witnesses: Robert Count of Meulan; Roger Bigod; Robert de Beaumont.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae, W. 7 (copy).
Foedera, i. 2.]

For a reference to Hugh of Coleham see Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 146, No. 27. There is a difficulty about the witnesses. Robert de Beaumont, son of Robert Count of Meulan, was born 1104 (Orderic, xi. 6); the Robert de Beaumont who appears here must be Robert Count of Meulan himself. This charter is therefore, in its present form, impossible.

1086–
1100. **438.** Notification by William I or II to Abp. T[homas] of York and William Peverel and all of Notts.

That he has granted to the monks of St. Cuthbert $4\frac{1}{2}$ carucates and two mills in Normanton; 10 bovates in Bouintun; the lands of Godric, son of Fredegis[il], Alfgar Cida, Ulfkill his brother, and Oincar, son of Alnoth of Nottingham; with sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief.

[Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus (copy), fo. 67 v°.]

In *D.B.* these lands appear as still in the King's hands.

439. Notification by William II to his justiciars, sheriffs, &c. of England. [1087–
That he has confirmed to St. Peter and the abbot and monks of Chertsey 1100.]
all their property and possessions, as free of all customs and exactions which pertain to the King and his officials as any church in his kingdom. They are to have sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, grithbrice, foresteal, flymenafyrmth and hamsoen throughout their land as the charters of King Edward and William I testify. They may also take from their own woods timber for their own purposes, without let or hindrance; and may keep their own dogs to chase hares and foxes as in the time of the King's father.

Witness: Urse of Abitot.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae, No. 4 (12) (copy); B.M. Cotton MS. Vitell. A. XIII, fo. 54 (copy).
Monasticon, i. 431.]

440. Precept by William II to Hameric de Moira, Walter fitz Ansger, Dec. 31
G. de Lusors and R[obert] Doisnell. 1096–9.
That St. Julian [of Le Mans] shall hold the *vicaria* granted by William I; St.-Sever.
also the *vicaria* of the cemetery at Savigny. The church and bishop shall have their customs and their ecclesiastical justice.

Witness: William the Chancellor.

[Liber Albus (Public Library, Le Mans) No. 2.
Cauvin, *Chart. Insignis Eccl. Cenomannensis*, p. 2.]
Maine was pledged to William II in 1096.

441. *Notification (spurious) by William II to all his bishops and lieges. [1087–
That he has confirmed to St. John's, Colchester, the gifts of Eudo, *Dapifer*, 1100.]
especially the manors of Brightlingsea, Weeley and Hallingbury, with their churches and the churches of Lillechirche [co. Kent], Niewechirche [Westcheap, London], and Leatherhead; also the gifts of other persons.

Witness: Ego Mauricius Lundoniensis idem confirmo.

[Copy in Cartulary of St. John of Colchester (formerly belonging to Earl Cowper).
Cartulary of St. John's, Colchester, i. 18.]
The editor of the Cartulary argues (p. xviij ff.) for the date 1096–7. The authenticity of the charter is challenged, with good reason, by Mr. Round (*E.H.R.* xvi. 725).

442. Notification by William II, 'rex Anglorum,' to Maurice Bishop of [1087–
London, Peter of Valognes [sheriff of Essex], and his barons of Essex. 1100.]
That he has given to Eudo *Dapifer* those two *mansiones* which the wife of 'Phynus' the Dane held of the King's father. Peter of Valognes is to give possession.

Witness: The Bishop of Durham.

[Copy in Cartulary of St. John's, Colchester (formerly belonging to Earl Cowper).
Cartulary of St. John's, Colchester, i. 18.]
For the holding of Phin's wife, Vlueua, see *D.B.* ii. 98.

443. Precept by William II to T. the sheriff. [1087
Giving notice (*Mando tibi*) that the King has quit-claimed the land of the 1100.]
canons of St. Mary of Lincoln from all customs.

[B.M. Cotton MS. Vesp. E. XVI, fo. 4 (copy).
Monasticon, viii. 1272.]

444. Notification by William II to Maurice Bp. [of London] and G[eoffrey] [1087–
de Mandeville and R. Delparc and his lieges of London. 1100.]
That he has confirmed to the men of the Cnihtengild [of London] their gild, Rethyng.
with the land and customs thereto pertaining, as they had it in the time of King Edward and of William I.

Witness: [1] H[ugh] de Boch[land].

[1] *Henrico* in Guildhall copy.

[Copies in Guildhall, London, Letter Book C, fo. 134 *b*; Cartulary of Christ Church, London (penes John Anstis, 1722).
London and Middlesex Archaeol. Trans. v. 488; Sharpe, *Calendar of Letter Books, Book C.* p. 218; *Monasticon*, vi. 156 (trans.).]

[1087–1100.] Huntingdon. **445.** Notification by William II to all his sheriffs and officials.

That he has granted to Abbot Serlo and the monks of St. Peter of Gloucester the whole of every sturgeon that may be caught in their fisheries.

Witness: William de Rochele.

[Gloucester Cartulary (P.R.O.) fo. 224 v° (copy).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. ii. 293.]

This grant is attributed in the *Historia Mon. S. Petri Glouc.* (p. 115) to William II. The King is made to style himself 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum'.

[1087–1100.] Bristestoca (Brigstock). **446.** Notification by William II, generally addressed.

That he has granted to St. Peter and the Abbot of Burgh the tithe of all his hunting in Northamptonshire.

Witnesses: Ralf Paganel; W[illiam] Peverel; R. de Escuris; H[ugh] de Beauchamp; *Per* Richard Engaine.

[Swapham, fo. xlii (copy).
Gunton's *Peterborough* (1686), p. 143; *Monasticon*, i. 390 (from Gunton).]

[1087–1100.] **447.** Precept by William II to Ralph, brother of Ilger [sheriff of Hunts.] and R. his nephew (*nepos*).

To reseise the Abbot of Ramsey of the land of Hyrst [co. Hunts.] which W. son of Osmund holds, and to free that land of the hawk which the said W. keeps there.

Witnesses: The Bp. of Durham; Win' de Hampton.

[P.R.O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy); Bodleian, MS. Rawl. B. 333 (copy).
Ramsey Chronicle (R.S.), p. 213; *Ramsey Cartulary*, i. 235.]

This land was a single hide. It was in the possession of Ramsey early in the reign of Henry I (*Ramsey Cartulary*, i. 146). Cf. *D.B.* i. 204 *b* (Toleslund Hundred): 'Ibidem habebat Godric i hid. ad geld. De abbate tenuit. Terra unius carucae. Modo habet Radulfus filius Osmundi sed homines de hund. nesciunt per quem.'

[1087–1100.] **448.** Precept by William II to H[umfrey] the Chamberlain [sheriff of Norfolk] 'et justificatoribus [? justiciariis] suis omnibusque suis fidelibus'.

To inquire by the shire-court [of Norfolk] who had a trespass of this kind (*forisfacturam hujusmodi*) in the time of the King's father, whether the Abbot of Ramsey or the predecessor of William de Albini. And if the shire-court agree that the abbot has the right, then let the hundred shillings which Ralph Passelewe impleaded be restored without delay to the abbot.

Witness: The Bishop of Durham.

[Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis, p. 211.]

[1087–1100.] Windsor. **449.** Precept by William II to H[umfrey] the Chamberlain [sheriff of Norfolk].

To convene three and a half hundreds at Flitcham [co. Norfolk] on account of the land of Holm-next-the-sea [co. Norfolk] which pertains to Ringstead [co. Norfolk] and which the Abbot of Ramsey claims for the food and raiment of his monks; and, if the abbot can show 'ratione et testimonio comprovincialium' that his ancestor held the said land on the day when William I was alive and dead, let him hold that land and all else pertaining to the abbey peaceably and honourably.

Witness: R[oger] Bigod.

[P.R.O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy); Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 236; *Chron. Abbat. Rames.* p. 214.]

450. Notification by William II to the Bishop, sheriff, and barons of Sussex. [1087–1100.] Winchester.

That he has confirmed the gift which Gilbert of Tonbridge made to St. Andrew of Rochester, namely the church of Rotherfield [co. Sussex], with its appurtenances in tithes and hunting-rights.

Witnesses: Roger Bigot; Haimo the Sheriff.

[Copies in Textus Roffensis XCIX; Add. MS. 29437, f. 8 v° (ex libro de Roff.); Charter Rolls, 50 Hen. III; 3 Ed. I, No. 2; 9 Ed. III, No. 36; 10 Ed. III, No. 51; Patent Roll, 12 Ed. IV, pt. 2, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 1 Hen. VIII, p. 8, No. 2.
Monasticon, i. 164; Hearne, *Textus Roffensis*, p. 159; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, ii. 195.]
Rotherfield was a manor of the fee of Odo of Bayeux. The church is not mentioned in the Domesday account of the manor (*D. B.* i. 16).

451. Notification by William II to his lieges, French and English. [1087–1100.]

That he has confirmed the gift which Haimo his dapifer made to the church of St. Andrew at Rochester, of the church which is in the King's manor of Tarenteford; and Haimo's sons, Haimo and Robert, confirmed the said gift of their father in the King's presence.

Witnesses: Robert Count of Meulan; Robert Count of Mortain; et multi alii.

[Copies in Textus Roffensis XCVII; Charter Roll, 3 Ed. I, No. 2; Add. MS. 29437, f. 8 (ex libro de Roff.).
Monasticon, i. 164; Hearne, *Textus Roffensis* (1720), p. 158; *Cal. Charter Rolls*, ii. 195.]
This church is entered in *D. B.* as belonging to the Bp. of Rochester (*D. B.* i. 2 *b*). Haimo held the manor when he was sheriff of Kent (ib.).

452. Notification by William II to the Bishop and the Sheriff of Suffolk and his other barons. [1087–1100.] Winchester.

That the King has confirmed the gift made by Roger Bigot to St. Andrew of Rochester, viz. the church of St. Felix of Walton, with the tithes and other things thereto pertaining.

Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in Textus Roffensis; Add. MS. 29437, fo. 8 (ex libro de Roff.); Charter Roll, 3 Ed. I, No. 2.
Monasticon, i. 164.]
Walton [co. Norfolk] is entered in *D. B.* (ii. 173) as a manor belonging to Roger Bigot. The church is mentioned as possessing a glebe of 30 acres, value 2*s.* 7*d.*

453. Notification by William II to all sheriffs and his barons of Huntingdonshire. [? 1087–1100.]

That he has granted to the abbot and monks of Thorney the Hundred of Normancros [co. Hunts.] in fee-farm for 100*s.*, to be paid annually to the sheriff of Huntingdonshire. No official is to do them wrong in this respect.

[Transcript in Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 v° (from a Thorney Register).]
There is no reference to this grant in Domesday.

454. Notification by William II to the French and English of London. [1087–1100.]

That he confirms to St. Peter of Westminster the church of St. Mary Newchurch and all the appurtenances, as given by Alward of London. To be held as freely as the King's father commanded by his writ.

Witnesses: Count Alan; Milo Crispin; Roger Bigod.

[Copies in Westminster Abbey 'Domesday', fo. 529; Cotton Faust. A. III, fo. 64.
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 137.]

455. Notification by William II to Hugh de Bochland and the sheriff and lieges of Middlesex. [1087–1100.]

That he commands that the land of Gyveneya, which is pasture belonging to the manor of Staines—to which Abbot Vitalis [of Westminster] proved his title against Walter fitz Oter in the time of the King's father—be in peace; and that Abbot Gilbert answer for it to no one except to the bishops and justiciars (*baronibus justificatoribus*) when the title to the land was previously

proved. The gift is to remain as granted by King Edward, without any diminution.

Witnesses: Count Alan: Roger Bigod: Milo Crispin: Geoffrey de Mandeville, and many others.

[Copies in Cotton Faust. A. III, fo. 55; *Liber Niger* (Dean and Chapter, Westminster), fo. 25.
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 138.]

[1088–1100.] Marlborough.

456. Precept by [William II] to N[icholas] of Stafford.

To permit Atsor the Englishman to hold his land of Evelinghale, for the same service which his father used to render; and to see that no man does him wrong.

Witness: Roger Bigot.

[Rydeware Cartulary, in private hands (copy).
William Salt Archaeological Society, Old Series, xvi. 284.]
According to the editor, Nicholas of Stafford succeeded to the sheriffdom in 1088.

[1088–1100.]

457. Notification by William II, 'rex Anglorum,' to A[iulf] the sheriff and all the barons of Somerset.

That he has given Bishop John the right of making a warren on lands contiguous to the bridge of Dunkerton.

Witnesses: A[iulf] the sheriff; Walter de Vernun.

[CCCC. MS. CXI, p. 101 (copy).
Cartularies of Bath Priory, p. 42 (calendared).]
Bp. John succeeded Gisa in 1088 (*Historiola*, p. 21).

[1089–1100.] Windsor.

458. Mandate by William II to Haimo the sheriff and all the barons of Kent.

'Ut clausuras faciatis contra abbatem de Bello ad manerium de Wi [Wye, co. Kent] sicut facere solebatis quando pater meus illud in manu sua tenebat. Nominatim vero omnibus hominibus tuis, H. vicecomes, et Willelmi de Evesham et Willelmi Folet et Rodberti Himing[es] et R. Herengod et omnibus hominibus H. de Munfort et fratribus de Cilleham [Chilham, co. Kent], mando et precipio vobis ut hoc faciatis nec ullus excipiatur qui aliquid tenet contra predictum manerium, nec etiam dominium archiepiscopi excipio quod in manu mea teneo.' The King wills that the church of Battle shall hold Wye as freely as it was given by his father's writ. A penalty of £10 for breach of this commandment.

Witnesses: Roger Bigot; Hugo de Beauchamp.

[Copies in Pat. Roll, 10 Hen. VI, pt. 1, membranes 22 & 21; Confirmation Roll, 2 Hen. VII, pt. 3, No. 8.
Calendar Pat. Rolls, 10 Hen. VI, p. 172.]
From the reference to the demesne of Canterbury it would appear that this mandate was issued after the death of Lanfranc; either in the vacancy of the see, or after the retirement of Anselm from England.

[1089–1100.]

459. Precept by William II to the Abbot of St. Augustine's Canterbury.

To introduce no other order or custom in the church of St. Augustine than he had in the time of Abp. Lanfranc, and to show the same honour and subjection to the mother church of Canterbury, both in the ringing of bells and in other customs.

Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Canterbury, Dean and Chapter, Cartae Antiquae, A. 48 (original).
Hist. MSS. Comm. 5th Rep., App. p. 431.]

[1091–1100.] Brockenhurst.

460. Notification by William II to R[alf] Bp. of Chichester, E. the son of Auger, Hoel, and his other servants (*ministris*).

Granting to the church of Chichester the land which formerly belonged to Ketel (*quae fuit Chetelli*), lying without the gate of Chichester, with sac and soc and infangenethef.

Witness: [Robert] the Count of Meulan (*comite Mellenti*).

[Copy in Register of Dean and Chapter, Chichester (1640).
Monasticon, viii. 1167.]

461. Precept by William II to H[ermer] de Ferrers and G[odric] the dapifer. [1091–1100.]

That Aldwin Abbot of Ramsey do not answer or plead respecting the lands and the men that he found in his abbacy when the King gave it to him, especially respecting Wells (co. Norfolk).

Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*; Per ipsum.

[P. R. O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy); Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 235; *Chron. Abb. Rameseiensis*, p. 211.]

462. Notification by William [II] to R[anulf] brother of Ilger [sheriff of Hunts.] and his other lieges. [1091–1100.]

That he has quit-claimed Aldwin Abbot of Ramsey of the service of ten knights 'in festis'; henceforth he is to produce three knights on the north side of the Thames as his predecessors used to do.

Witnesses: Eudo, *Dapifer*; Herebert de Ros.

[P. R. O. Ramsey Cartulary, fo. 54 v° (copy); Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Ramsey Cartulary, i. 235; *Chron. Abb. Rames.*, p. 212.]

463. Precept by William II to W. son of Theoderic and all his lieges of Carlisle and all who dwell *ultra Loedriam*. [1092–1100.]

To accept the jurisdiction in matters spiritual (*ut recipiatis Christianitatem*) of the Bp. of Durham and from his archdeacon, and to obey the said bishop in respect of the laws of Christianity; and to molest the officials of the bishop no further.

Witnesses: Robert fitz Gerold, &c.

['Ex cod. MS. de exordio et statu Lindisfarn'. Eccl.'
Monasticon, i. 241.]

464. Precept by William II to Haimo, *Dapifer*. [1093–1100.] Westminster.

To restore to St. Augustine his rights in Newington, as they were proved in the shire-court in the time of the King's father: 'Si quis hoc voluerit interdici fiat inde placitum in hundredo de Mideltuna vel in comitatu.'

Witnesses: R. the Bishop; *per* Fulch' the Chaplain.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Julius D. II, No. 215; B. M. Add. MS. 29437, fo. 132.]

465. Precept by William II to all his sheriffs and officials. [1093–1100.] Lega.

To cause the abbot and abbey of Eynsham to have all their men with their chattels wherever the men of the said abbey can have them. And let no one detain the men on pain of £10 forfeiture.

Witness: William the Chancellor.

[Eynsham Cartulary, Dean and Chapter, Christ Church, Oxford, fo. 18 (copy).
Cartulary of Eynsham, i. 50.]

466. Notification by William II to P[eter] of Oxford [the sheriff] and his lieges of Oxfordshire. [1093–1100.]

That the land which Wido de Oilli held of Robert Bp. of Lincoln, and which he, at the King's request, gave to the said bishop, has been restored by the bishop to Nigel his brother, on condition that Nigel shall hold it for life, performing service to the bishop according to the value of the land, and after his death the land shall revert to the bishop; namely six hides in Escota [Ascot in Great Milton, Oxon.] in the demesne of the church.

Witnesses: The Bp. of Durham; Roger Bigot; W. Bacun; G. fitz Roger; Gerard Calvus; H. de Boch[land]; N[igel] de Oilli.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Vesp. E. XVI, fo. 3 v°; Charter Rolls, 3 Ed. III, No. 3; 2 Ric. II, No. 5; Pat. Roll, 2 Ed. IV, pt. 4, m. 14; Confirmation Roll, 7 & 8 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 2.
D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 41 (calendared); *Monasticon*, viii. 1272.]

[1093–1100.] **467.** Notification by William II to Os[bert] the sheriff (of Lincolnshire) and the lieges of Lincolnshire.

That Bishop Robert is not to plead respecting any of the lands and churches of which Bp. Remigius was seised on the day when he was alive and dead.

Witness: Urse of Abitot.

[Lincoln 'Registrum Antiquissimum', No. IX (copy).]

[1093–1100.] **468.** Precept by William II to H. the earl and Goscelin the reeve.

To seise the abbey of St. Benet [Hulme] and Ranulf the monk of 100 acres of land and six acres of meadow and four men in Wynterton [co. Norfolk] and thirty acres and four bordarii in Burc. 'Et sciatis quod ista terra inbreviata fuit in meis brevibus ad opus ecclesiae Sancti Benedicti qui sunt in thesauro meo Wyntoniae.'

Witnesses: The Bishop of Durham; W[illiam] the Chancellor.

[Copy in B. M. Cotton MS. Galba E. II, lf. 30 *b* (lower margin).
Monasticon, iii. 86; Bigelow, *Placita A.-N.* p. 72.]
This bishop of Durham may be either William of St. Calais or Ranulf Flambard.
For Winterton see *D. B.* ii. 216 *b*. For Burc ib. 217.

[1093–1100.] Winchester. **469.** Precept by William II to O[sbert] the sheriff [of Lincolnshire].

To reseise [Aldwin] the Abbot of Ramsey of half a carucate of land in Trickingham [co. Lincoln], and to cause to be restored whatever has been taken thence. If any one claims that land against the abbot, let right be done between them.

Witness: William the Chancellor.

[Bodleian, Rawl. MS. B. 333 (copy).
Chron. Abb. Rames., p. 213.]
Cf. *D. B.* 346 *b*: 'Manerium in Trichingham habebat et habet S. Bened. de Ramesy dim. car. terrae ad geld.'

[1093–1100.] Lod' (?) **470.** Notification by [William II], 'rex Anglie,' to Robert Bp. of Lincoln and Osbert the sheriff and the lieges of Lincolnshire.

That the King has ratified the fine and agreement which the Abbot of Selby and Nigel de Albini made concerning the customs of the land of Crull.

Witness: [R.] de Mell[ent].

[Selby Cartulary (Brooke), lf. 15 (copy).
J. T. Fowler, *Selby Coucher Book*, i. 28.]

[1093–1100.] Westminster. **471.** Notification by William II to M[aurice] the Bishop [of London] and E[udo] *Dapifer* and H[ugh] of Boch[land] and P[eter] de Valognes and their servants.

That he has granted to the canons of [SS. Julian and Botolph] Colchester that they shall hold all their lands and property well and honourably.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor; Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Pat. Roll, 5 Hen. VI, pt. 2, m. 14 (copy).
Calendar Pat. Rolls, p. 414.]

[1093–1100.] Nenham (? Newnham). **472.** Abstract of a grant by William II to St. Peter of Gloucester.

Of two essarts (*breces*) in his fee of Chelworth with the grove and meadows adjacent to the said land, in pure alms.

Witness: William the Chancellor.

[Hist. Mon. St. Petri Glouc. (MS. Queen's Coll., Oxford, No. CCCLXVII).
Cart. Mon. S. Petri Glouc. (R. S.) i. 68.]
This grant is confirmed by Henry I (*Glouc. Cart.* i. 239).

[1094–1100] Nov. 12. Pont de l'Arche. **473.** Notification by William II to Robert Bp. of Lincoln, and all the French and English of Lincolnshire.

Granting that Osbert of Lincoln may give the eleven bovates of land in Binbrook (Linc.), which he holds of the King, to the church of St. Mary of Lincoln to form a prebend, for the love of God and for the souls of the King's

father and mother, so that the said bishop hold the land of the King and keep the agreement which he made with Osbert.

Witnesses: Roger fitz Girold; Gerald de Calz 'pridie post festum S. Martini'.

[Cotton MS. Vesp. E. XVI, fo. 4 (copy).
Monasticon, viii. 1272.]

In Domesday $9\frac{3}{4}$ bovates were held in Binbrook by Osbern the Priest. Robert Bloet became Bp. of Lincoln in 1093; but Rufus was not in Normandy this year.

474. Confirmation by William, 'rex Anglorum,' to the monastery of St. Mary of Tewkesbury. [1093–1100.]

Of the gifts which were made by Robert Fitz Haimon and his men.

Witnesses: William the Chancellor; Robert fitz Haimon; Roger fitz Gerold; Walter Giffard.

[Copies in P. R. O. Ancient Deeds, A. 942 (3); Charter Roll, 28 Ed. I, No. 16.
D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 37 (calendared and wrongly ascribed to William I); *Monasticon*, ii. 65.]

475. Notification by William II to all his sheriffs and officials. [1093–1100.]

That he confirms to Thorney Abbey such customs in toll and other matters as the abbey ever had in the time of the King's father. They are to see that no wrong is done to the abbot or his monks in this respect.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor, &c.

[Transcript in Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 (from a Thorney Register).]

476. Precept by William II to W. de Cahaines and Richard Engaine and R. Trameri and R. de Fornell'. [1094–1100.]

To cause Gunter Abbot of Thorney to have his land at Charwelton and at Twiwell [co. Northants] as freely as he ever held it in the time of the King's father. They are to see that no wrong is done to the abbot in this respect by any man, and particularly by Baldwin.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor, &c.

[Transcripts in Bodleian: Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 (transcript from a Thorney Register); Dodsworth MS. 85, fo. 31 v° (transcript from a Thorney Register).]

For these Thorney lands see *D. B.* i. 222 *b*.

477. Notification by William to R. Bp. [of Lincoln] and Ralph the sheriff and the lieges of Huntingdonshire. [1094–1100.]

That he has granted St. Mary of Thorney a market to be held every Thursday in the manor of Yaxley [co. Hunts.].

Witnesses: Hugh de Beauchamp; Ralph Paganel.

[Copy in Cartae Antiquae, No. 27 (7); Transcripts in Bodleian, Dugdale MSS. 21, fo. 146; 85 fo. 31 v° (from a Thorney Register); B. M. Lansdowne MSS. 994, fo. 94 v°, 992, fo. 106 (collections of Bp. Kennett).]

Headed in the Thorney Register *Carta Willelmi Conquestoris*. But the market at Yaxley is not mentioned in the Domesday account of the manor (*D. B.* i. 205), and Ranulf, brother of Ilger, came into office as sheriff of Hunts. after 1086.

478. Precept by William II to G. the sheriff and his barons of Carlisle. [1095–1100.]

To give obedience in matters spiritual (ut ita intendatis de Christianitate) to the Archdeacon of Durham as they did in the time of W[illiam] Bp. of Durham.

Witness: E[udo] *Dapifer*.

[*Monasticon*, i. 241.]

479. Notification to Robert Bp. of Lincoln and Osbert sheriff of Lincoln of a confirmation by William II to Urse de Abitot and Robert de Lacy. [1095–1100.]

Of an exchange which they have made of Ingolnesmere and Witchona. Brigstock.

Witnesses: Robert Bp. of Lincoln; Robert fitz Haimon.

Fragment of Seal on strip.

[Royal Charters (Duchy of Lancaster), No. 1 (original).
Round, *A. C.* p. 1.]
On the limits of date see Round, *l. c.*

1096–1100. Pont de l'Arche.

480. Precept by William II to T[homas] Abp. of York and H. the sheriff, and all of Yorkshire.

That St. Cuthbert's land is to be quit of castle-work and gelds as in the time of the King's father, and on the day when William Bp. of Durham was alive and dead.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor; Fulch' the Chaplain.

[Copies in Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 27.
Monasticon, i. 241 (incorrectly); *D. K. R.* xxix, App. p. 44 (calendared).]

[1096–1100.]

481. Precept by William II to Thomas Abp. [of York] and R[obert] Bp. [of Lincoln] and all the sheriffs of England.

That neither the monks nor the men of St. Cuthbert [of Durham] are to plead or make answer for, the lands or men or customs of which they were seised on the day when William Bp. of Durham was alive and dead. If anything has since been taken from them it is to be restored.

Witnesses: W[illiam] the Chancellor; W[illiam] Peverel.

Seal: White wax; mutilated.

[Durham Cathedral, Ima Imae, Regalium, No. 4 (original?); Cartul. Vetus, fo. 67 v°, No. VII (copy); Cart. I, fo. 46.
Raine's *Hist. Dunelm. Scriptt. Tres*, App. p. xxviii, No. xvii.]
The style of the King is *rex Anglie*. Probably this is an early copy of a genuine writ.

[1096–1100.] Westminster.

482. Notification by William II to Herbert Bp. of Norwich and the barons of Norfolk and Suffolk.

That he has given to the Holy Trinity of Norwich, at the request of Roger Bigot, the land of St. Michael *de Vtmonasterio* and the land of Taverham [co. Norfolk].

Witness: Eudo, *Dapifer*.

[Copies in Cotton MS. Claud. D. XIII (Binham Register): Charter Rolls, 34 Ed. I, No. 11; 2 Ed. II, No. 30; 12 Ed. III, No. 42; Pat. Rolls, 2 Rich. II, pt. 2, m. 7; 14 Ed. IV, pt. 1, m. 3; Confirmation Rolls, 2 Hen. VIII, pt. 7, No. 3; 4 Hen. VIII, pt. 2, No. 3.
Cal. Charter Rolls, iii. 71; *Monasticon*, iv. 13, 18; Hudson, *Norwich Records*, i. 54.]
Roger Bigod made his grant after Bp. Herbert had begun to build (1096). See the narrative printed in *Monasticon*, iv. 13 (from the Binham Register). For the land which St. Michael of Norwich had held at Taverham see *D. B.* ii. 201 *b*. For the church of St. Michael and the property in Norwich pertaining to it, see *D. B.* ii. 116 *b*.

[1096–1100.] Winchester.

483. Writ by William II to Robert Bp. of Lincoln and his barons and lieges of Lincolnshire.

Granting to St. Mary of La Sauve Majeure the two tithes and churches of Barrow [co. Lincoln] and Bytham [co. Lincoln] which Arnulf of Montgomery has given.

Witness: Robert fitz Haimon.

[Copy in Cartulary of St. Mary, La Sauve Majeure (in Public Library at Bordeaux, No. 770), fo. 170 *d*.
Round, *C. D. F.* 1236.]
Arnulf's grant is given on the same page of the Cartulary, and determines the date (see Round, *l.c.*).

[July 6, 1099–1100.] Brocheherst.[1]

484. Notification by William II to bishops, &c., in whose shires the canons of St. Paul's, London, have lands.

That he has granted the canons sac and soc, toll and team and infangthief, and fiht-wite and fyrd-wite (*exercitus*) and grithbrice, in borough and out of borough, by land and strand, at feast-tides and other times, as fully as they

[1] The Charter Roll reads *Rochester*.

possessed them in the time of any other King. If the King's officials or any one else do them wrong in this respect, he (*sic*) shall atone for it heavily.

Witness: Ranulf Bp. of Durham. 'In octava apostolorum Petri et Pauli.'

[Copies in Charter Roll, 12 Ed. III, No. 13; Camb. Univ. Library MS. 1075, fo. 79; 'Statuta Minora' (= MS. W. D. 20, Dean and Chapter), fo. 71 *b*.
Simpson's *Registrum*, p. 119.]

Ranulf was consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, June 5, 1099. Cf. No. 415 *supra*.

485. Notification by William to all his barons and all of Kent. [1099–1100.] London.

That he has confirmed the work and the alms of Gundulf Bp. of Rochester, at his manor of Malling [co. Kent].

Witness: R[anulf] Bp. of Durham.

[Copies in P. R. O. Charter Roll, 21 Ed. III, No. 22; Confirmation Roll, 3 Hen. VII, pt. 4, No. 2.
Monasticon [1821], iii. 383; Thorpe, *Registrum Roffense* (1769), p. 486.]

This refers to the Benedictine nunnery of Malling, founded by Bp. Gundulf in 1090.

486*. Grant (spurious) by William, 'Dei gratia rex Anglorum.'

To St. Peter of Cluni in the obedience of St. Martin de Campis at Paris of the gift made by Juhel of the church of Barnstaple, 40s. a year to go to St. Martin, the residue to Barnstaple.

Witnesses: 'Huicque confirmationi fideles meos subscriptos testes adhibeo, Johelem, Robertum Balduini filium, Rogerum de Novant, Ra. episcopum de Frem. H. Regis. Henricum comitem de War. Ro. Ricardi filium, Ra. Bigot.'

['Ex ipso autographo apud S. Mart. de Campis, Paris.'
Monasticon, v. 198.]

A corrupt copy of a spurious charter. Juhel's grant was made in the time of Bp. William Warelwast (*Monasticon*, v. 197).

487*. Notification (spurious) by William II. to W. the bishop and H. de Port and all his lieges of Devonshire.

That he gives to St. Peter of York, and to the two prebendaries of Warthulle and Grendale in the said church, the church of Axminster with sac and soc and all rights and appurtenances.

Witnesses: The Bp. of Durham; the Bp. of Lincoln; Bertram de Verdon.

[P. R. O. Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III, No. 31 (copy).
D. K. R. xxix, App. p. 41 (calendared).]

This charter is an obvious forgery. It was enrolled for purposes of litigation between Newenham Abbey and St. Peter's of York. W. the bishop is presumably William Warelwast, who became bishop in the next reign. H. de Port was sheriff of Hants., not of Devon.

III

APPENDIX

CHARTERS OF WILLIAM I AND WILLIAM II

I

Calendar No. 12.

William I in favour of Baldwin, Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (c. 1067).

William king grete mine biscopes and mine Erles and alle mine theines on the schiren ther Baltewyne Abbot hauet land an men inne frendlike. And ic kythe ou that ic an he be his abboteriche wrthe and his sake and his sokne binnen port and buten, so ful and so forth so Edward king mine meÿ it thider inne uthe on alle thinge. And ic nelle thafien that him ani man of hande teo nothing that ic him unnen habbe.

[B. M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 38 (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).]

II

Calendar No. 17.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey (c. 1067).

W. rex Anglorum omnibus vicecomitibus suis Anglie salutem. Volo ut Sanctus Petrus de Westmonasterio ita quietas habeat et liberas cum omnibus consuetudinibus omnes terras quas rex Edwardus dedit et quas Sanctus tenebat, sicuti erant tempore predicti regis.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 47.]

II bis

Calendar No. 33.

William I in favour of Aldred, Archbishop of York (1066–9).

Willelm kyng gret mine eorlas 7 ealle mine thegnas on than sciran thaer Ealdred arcebiscop haefth land ofer 7 land inne freondlice 7 ic kythe eow that ic wille he beo his biscoprices weorthe 7 his socne, tolles 7 teames, binnan burh 7 butan, ofer his men 7 ofer his manna land on mine socne, swa full 7 swa forth swa he firmest haefde on Eadwerdes daege kinges mines maeges on eallan thingan : 7 ic nelle nanan men getholian that ynn fram hande drafe aenig thaera thinga thaes gehennd rihte habbene ah, ne that man him aet aenigan thingan misbeode nenan his manna ; 7 gif hit aenig man deth frencisc oder flemisc oder englisc gekythe me fore 7 ic him caede sone fulle bote.

[York Minster, Liber Albus, Part 1, fo. 62 *b*.]

III

Calendar No. 43.

William I in favour of the Abbey of St. Edmunds Bury, concerning scots and gelds (1066–70).

Willelmus rex Anglorum Aylmero episcopo et R comiti et omnibus baronibus et vicecomitibus Francis et Anglis, ubicumque Sanctus Edmundus terram habet, salutem. Mando et precipio ut dominia Sancti Edmundi sint quieta ab omnibus scottis et geldis, sicuti melius fuerunt tempore regis Edwardi. Valete.

[Add. MS. 14847, fo. 32 v°, fo. 38.
E. H. R. xxiv. 424.]

IV

Calendar No. 44.

William I in favour of Bury St. Edmunds, concerning Livermere (1066–70).

Willelmus rex Anglorum E. episcopo, B. abbati, W. Malet salutem. Sciatis vos

mei fideles me concessisse seruicium de Liueremere, quam Werno hactenus de me tenuit, Sancto Edmundo. Et filia Guernonis in vita sua de Abbate B. eam teneat.

[B. M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 32 v°, and 38 v° (Album Registrum S. Edmundi). Printed in Round, *F. E.* p. 429.]

V

William I in favour of Baldwin, Abbot of St. Edmunds Bury, concerning his moneyer (1066–70). Calendar No. 42.

Willem king gret Aylmer biscop ⁊ Rauf erl ⁊ ealle mine theines on Northfolc ⁊ on Suffolc frendlike. And ic kythe ihu that ic habbe unnen Baldewyne abbot withinnen Seint Edmundesbiri to thene ministres beofte ane menetere also frelike on alle thinge to habben also Edward king mine mey him hunnede alder frelikest. God be mid ihu.

[Add. MS. 14847, fo. 36 v°.]

VI

William I in favour of Baldwin, Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (1066–70). Calendar No. 40.

William king gretet Aylmer biscop and Rauf Erl and alle mine theines on Suthf' and on Northf' frendlike, and ic kythe ihu that ic wille that Baltewyne Abbot birede alle the londe me to haunde that tho men atthen the on orreste stonde togenes[1] me and ther ofslagen weren the hoerden into Edmundes sokne. And ic wille that tho men ben nu that abbotes men so here helderne e weren and his forgengle heratforn him hauede. And nelle thafian[2] that him ani man of hande teo ani thing the hic him unnen habbe.

[I King William greet Bishop Aylmer and Earl Ralph and all my thanes in Suffolk and Norfolk amicably, and give you to know that I will that Abbot Baldwin hand to me the land that those men possessed who stood in battle against me and were slain there, who belonged to Edmund's soc. And I will that those men be now the abbot's men that his predecessors had before him, as their ancestors were. And I will not allow that any man take from him anything that I have given him.]

[B. M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 38 (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).]

[1] *toiheues* MS. [2] *safien* MS.

VII

William I in favour of the Abbey of St. Edmunds Bury, concerning the soc of eight hundreds and a half (1066–70). Calendar No. 41.

Willem Kyng gret Ægelmaer biscop ⁊ Raulf Erl ⁊ Norðman ⁊ alle myne thegnaes on Suff' frendliche; ⁊ ic kythe ihu that ic wille that tha sokna thas Nigende half hundredes liggan into tham halgan mynstre act Seynt Edmundes biri, sua ful ⁊ sua forth so it Ælfric Wythgares sone bi wiste ⁊ Ordg' sythen Ymme thaere Quen to hande Eadwardes moder kinges mynes maeges ⁊ he self thider inne geunnen haefde on eallan thingan; that is on frithwyte ⁊ on flitwyte ⁊ on aebberethef ⁊ on grithbryche ⁊ on forstealle ⁊ on hamsocne. Nu forbede ic aellan manne tha sokne him to hande to teonne aegðe ge engliscan ge frenciscan ge deniscan butan Seint Edmund ⁊ Baldewyne Abbotte. An gif aenig heonan forth thisan withqueðan wille, ic wille wytan thonne what he sy. God sy eow ealra freond.

[Harl. MS. 743, fo. 59 v°; Add. MS. 14847, fo. 31. *Cart. Antiq.* i. 4; *E. H. R.* xxiv. 423.]

VIII

Charter (? spurious) of William I in favour of St. Augustine's Canterbury (1070). Calendar No. 35.

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti Amen. Ego Willelmus ineffabili Dei providentia rex Anglorum, ex hiis que Omnipotens Deus sua gratia michi largiri dignatus est, quedam concedo ecclesie Sancti Augustini, Anglorum Apostoli, que sita est in suburbio urbis Cantuarie, pro salute anime mee et parentum meorum (et) predecessorum et successorum hereditario iure. Hec sunt ecclesie et decime duarum mansionum, videlicet Fauersham et Middeltona, ex omnibus redditibus que michi redduntur ex hiis mansionibus et omnibus ibidem appendentibus, terra silva pratis et aqua, excepta

decima mellis et gabli denariorum. Hec omnia ex integro concedo Sancto Augustino et abbati et fratribus, ut habeant teneant et possideant in perpetuum. Si quis autem huic nostre donacioni contraire presumpserit, anathemati subiacebit. Facta est hec donacio in villa que dicitur Wyndesor, anno incarnationis domini millesimo LXX. Testibus episcopo Gosfrido de Sanct Loth et Willielmo presule Londiniensi et Hugone de Port et aliis eius quam plurimis optimatibus.

[Charter Roll, 20 Ed. II, No. 6.]

IX

Calendar No. 53.

Confirmation by William I of Aldenham to Westminster Abbey (1067–71).

Willelmus Dei gratia rex Anglie Remigio episcopo Linc'., Willelmo filio Osberti, et omnibus baronibus et ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordscire, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et Sancto Petro et abbati Adwino et monachis Westmonasterii manerium suum de Aldenham. de x videlicet hidis, cum omnibus suis pertinentibus, in bosco et plano, aquis et aquarum decursibus, tam plene et tam libere sicut tenuerunt tempore regis Edwardi cognati mei et antecessorum meorum, et sicut tempore meo iuratum est eos antiquitus illud habuisse. Et volo et firmiter precipio ut bene et quiete et libere et honorifice ipsi imperpetuum illud habeant, cum saca et socna et toll et team et latrone et cum omnibus legibus et consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent. Et super hoc defendo ne aliquis de prefato iure ecclesie prescripte aliquid auferat vel minuat vel torturam suam (*sic*). T. Gaufrido episcopo Constant' et Roberto comite de Moret'.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 193.]

X

Calendar No. 52.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning Islip (1067–71).

Willelmus rex Anglorum Remigio episcopo Linc' et Willelmo filio Osberti et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Oxenfordscira salutem. Sciatis quia volo et firmiter precipio ut ecclesia Sancti Petri Westm' et Edwinus abbas et monachi eiusdem ecclesie habeant manerium suum Gihtslepe, in quo videlicet rex Eadwardus cognatus meus fuit natus, cum omnibus rebus et appendiciis suis, ita plene et quiete et libere sicut predictus rex melius et plenius illis concessit, et sicut etiam rex prefatus ad dedicacionem illius ecclesie in dotem perpetuam eternaliter eandem hereditauit ecclesiam. Concedo illis itaque in eodem manerio sacam et socam cum toll et team et latrone, cum omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et legibus que ad meam regiam dignitatem pertinent. Preterea clamo eos quietos amodo ab omnibus querelis et sciris et hundredis et a scoto et ab omni mea consuetudine et censu pecunie que geld et danegeld anglice vocatur. Et nolo ut aliquis aliquid de illo auferat aut diminuat, nec ullus aliquam omnino habeat intromissionem aliquo tempore nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii. T. Odone episcopo et Roberto comite de Moret' fratribus meis et Hugone de Mundford.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 292.]

XI

Calendar No. 86.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning Wokindon and Fering (1066–75).

W. rex Anglorum W. episcopo et S. vicecomiti et omnibus fidelibus suis de Essexa salutem. Volo ut sciatis me concessisse et dedisse terram de Wokenduna et de Feringes Deo et Sancto Petro Westm' cum omnibus que ibi pertinebant ea die qua rex Eadwardus fuit viuus et mortuus; et ita habeat sicut Haroldus comes eodem tempore melius et plenius et liberius habuit in terra et in aqua et in omnibus legibus et consuetudinibus.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 244.]

XII

Calendar No. 89.

(Spurious) Charter of William I to Westminster Abbey, concerning Chelsea (Dec. 25, 1071–5?).

W. rex Anglorum Willelmo Lundonie episcopo et Gosfrido de Magna Villa et

vicecomiti omnibusque ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis in Middelsexan salutem. Sciatis quia volo et firmiter precipio quod Sanctus Petrus et monachi Westmonasterii ad subsidium victuale habeant terram que Cealchithe vocatur, cum silvis, et campis, cum pratis et pascuis et cum omnibus sibi iuste pertinentibus, cum saca et socna et toll et team, cum latrone et emissione et cum omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus et legibus, tam bene et tam plene sicuti umquam melius et liberius Turstanus huscarlus Edwardi regis cognati mei de eodem rege in allodium libere tenuit, et ipse illud predicto sancto loco donavit et subiecit, quemadmodum prescriptus gloriosus rex pleniter concessit et per cartas privilegii sui corroboravit atque confirmavit. Unde concedo et inconvulse stabilio ut bene et quiete et honorifice et libere et absque omni calumpnia et inquietudine teneant. Et defendo et prohibeo super x libras forisfacture ut nullus inde auferat aut tollat unam acram aut de silva aut de campo; neque aliquis eis ulla unquam occasione iniuriam vel torturam inde faciat, neque eos in aliquo molestare sive disturbare presumat, aut ullo modo se intromittere ullo tempore audeat nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii. Testibus Odone episcopo Baiocensi, Gosfrido Const' episcopo, Walchelino Wint' episcopo, Willelmo Dunelm' episcopo,[1] Rodberto comite, Rodberto comite (*sic*), Alano comite, Haymone dapifero, Rogerio Bigod, Yvone Taillebosc', Rodberto de Oleyo et multis aliis. Apud Westmonasterium in Natali Domini.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 117 v°.]

[1] See note to calendar.

XIII

William I in favour of Æthelwig, Abbot of Evesham (spurious or inflated) (1070–7). Calendar No. 106.

Willelmus rex Anglorum L. archiepiscopo et O. Baiocensi et W. episcopo de Wincestre et Vrsoni vicecomiti et omnibus baronibus totius Anglie Francis et Anglis et omnibus ipsius fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse Agilwio abbati abbatiam suam de Eouesham et quicquid ad illam pertinet, ut habeat ipse et omnes successores sui cum magno honore et pace ipsam cum terris, cum hominibus et cum tali consuetudine et lege et libertate et soca et saca et toll et theam et onfanganeðeof intra burgum et extra sicut umquam aliquis antecessorum suorum et ipse melius et plenius habuerunt tempore regis Eadwardi cognati mei vel antea. Et volo et concedo pro redemptione anime mee ut ecclesia de Euesham habeat et teneat in perpetuum omnes terras et possessiones et libertates eiusdem ecclesie collatas et concessas, et in cartis regum, Eadwardi videlicet et aliorum predecessorum meorum, necnon et in antiquis preceptis eidem ecclesie conscriptas et confirmatas. Ad hoc volo et firmiter precipio quod predictus abbas Agilwius et omnes successores sui et monachi de Euesham habeant et teneant in puram et perpetuam elemosinam hundredum de Fisbeorga cum omnibus que ad hundredum pertinent in legitima et libera proprietate et iustitia sua. Videlicet quod nullus vicecomes vel eorum ministri inde se quicquam intromittant vel placitent vel aliquid exigant. Et super hoc volo et firmiter concedo Deo et Sancte Marie de Eouesham, sicut rex Eadwardus concessit antecessori Agelwii Mannio abbati et sibi, ut sit in Euesham port et mercatum et habeat ipsa ecclesia in perpetuum omnes consuetudines ad opus suum quas ego habeo in omnibus portis et in burgis meis. Concedo itaque ut in omnibus locis per totam Angliam emat cibum et vestimentum et quicquid necessarium fuerit sine tollo. Testibus Gaufrido Episcopo et Eudone Dapifero. Apud Wintoniam.

[Cotton MS. Vesp. B. xxiv. (Reg. of Evesham Abbey), fo. 18.]

XIV

William I, concerning the suit between Bishop Herfast of Thetford and Baldwin, Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (c. May 31, 1081). Calendar No. 139.

W. rex Anglorum omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis quod de calumpnia et querimonia quam Arfastus episcopus faciebat Baldewyno Abbati, videlicet de ecclesia Sancti Edmundi et de villa in qua eadem ecclesia sita est, meo precepto coram me Archiepiscopi et Episcopi, abbates et comites aliique mei proceres, iudicium

inter episcopum et abbatem conuenerunt et iuste iudicauerunt, et assenserunt unanimiter quod Arfastus Episcopus predictam ecclesiam et villam iniuste requirebat et Abbas ea iuste habere debebat, et quod Arfastus episcopus neque successores eius de prefata ecclesia et villa nichil reclamare debebant. Quod et stare et firmiter inuiolatum manere precipio.

[B. M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 32 v° (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).
Printed in Battely's *Antiquitates S. Edmundi Burgi* (1745), p. 146 (ex Registro Sacristae).]

XV

Calendar No. 149.

William I and his wife, Matilda, in favour of the Holy Trinity of Caen (1082).

Quisquis sanctis dei ecclesiis quamlibet suarum rerum portionem in beneficium attribuit in celesti regno a summo retributore sibi nequaquam diffidimus remunerari. Quapropter ego Willelmus Anglorum rex Normannorum atque Cenomannensium princeps, necnon et uxor mea † Harmildis † regina Balduini Flandrensium ducis filia neptisque Henrici Francorum illustrissimi regis, damus et imperpetuum concedimus ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis, quam pro salute animarum nostrarum in territorio Cadomi coedificavimus, hos infrascriptos manerios cum omnibus appendiciis suis ita quidem solutos et quietos sicut erant die qua Edwardus rex vivus et mortuus fuit: scilicet Feldestede in comitatu de Essessa, Hamptoniam in comitatu de Glouecestria, Tarentam in comitatu de Dorseth. Hanc itaque cartulam et nostra et episcoporum ac magnatum nostrorum auctoritate confirmamus anno ab incarnatione domini millesimo lxxxij indictione v^ta^, ea videlicet condicione ut si quis temerario ausu persistendo aliquid surripere temptaverit anathema factus ortodoxorum communitate careat iramque dei omnipotentis incurrat. Signum † Willelmi Anglorum regis. Signum † comitis Roberti Moritonii. Signum † Lanfranci archiepiscopi. Signum † Matildis regine. Signum † Roberti comitis filii regis. Signum † Walchelini episcopi. Signum Gaufridi † episcopi. † Gonstard. † Signum † Henrici filii regis. Signum Willelmi † comitis filii regis. Signum Wil † lelmi de Braiosa. Signum † Stigandi episcopi. Signum † Alani comitis. Signum † W. de Warenna. Signum Henrici † de Ferieres. Signum † Ethimardi vicecomitis. Signum † Hugonis de Portu. Signum † Rogeri Bygot. Signum † Hugonis comitis de Cestra. Signum † comitis Rogeri de Montegomeri.

[Charter Roll, 35 Ed. III, m. 4.]

XVI

Calendar No. 146 *a*.

Record of a suit concerning the rights of St. Wandrille to administer the ordeal of the hot iron, etc., in four parishes (Sept. 5, 1082).

In nomine sanctae et individuae Trinitatis. Cum non sit contra apostolicam et canonicam authoritatem plura monasteria quadam speciali dignitate esse absoluta ab omnium episcopalium vexatione et archidiaconorum vexatione, Fontanellense monasterium in quatuor suis ecclesiis—id est, Caldebec, Sancta Gertrude, Resentium, et Sancto Michaele—ex multis et ab antiquis temporibus hanc semper tenuit et tenet absolutionem. Et de qua libertate, tempore Guillelmi Regis Anglorum et Principis Normannorum, quaestio ex parte mota est, inter Guillelmum Archiepiscopum Rothomagensem et Gilbertum Abbatem Fontanellensem, hac occasione; quia quidam monachus praefati monasterii ferrum iudicii, quod ex antiquo iure in eodem monasterio erat, per ignorantiam et ex quadam simplicitate in alios usus transformavit. Cumque Abbas ferrum aliud supranominato Archiepiscopo sibi benedici postularet, et Archiepiscopus, dubitans utrum ex antiqua consuetudine idem monasterium ferrum haberet iudicii, quod Abbas postulabat, denegaret, tamdiu res indeterminata permansit, donec ad praesentiam praedicti Regis deferretur. Ubi Abbate monstrante monasterium suum ex antiquis temporibus et huiusmodi ferrum habuisse in quatuor predictarum ecclesiarum parrochiis [et] quamlibet culpam, censuram et libertatem ab omni Archiepiscopi et Archidiaconorum exactione quiete obtinuisse etc. Facta est autem haec praedictae causae determinatio anno ab Incarnatione Domini 1082, indictione quinta, nonis Septembris, in villa quam Oxcessum vocant, intra pratum iuxta

domum Guillelmi coram Rege, praesente Archiepiscopo Guillelmo et Abbate Gilberto. Testibus: Episcopis, Gisleberto Lexoviensi, Gisleberto Ebroensi, Guillelmo Dunelmensi de Anglia; Abbatibus, Guillelmo Fiscanensi, Guntardo Gimegiensi, Anselmo Beccensi, Gualtero de Monte Sanctae Trinitatis, Fulcone de Sancto Petro supra Divam; Clericis vero, Benedicto Rothomagensi, Sansone Baiocensi, Gualtero filio Goteri, Roberto, Bernardo filio Ospa, Guillelmo filio Sueni; Laicis, Guillelmo Comite Ebroensi, Hugone de Cestra, Rogero de Bellomonte et filiis eius Roberto Comite de Mellent et Henrico, Rugubrano filio Roberti, Guillelmo Crispino, Roberto de Veteri Ponte, Guillelmo de Toue, Normanno Primate, Helto filio Acheri et fratre eius Rodulpho, Rogero Bigot, et aliis multis.

[De la Roque, *Maison d'Harcourt*, iv. 1327 (ex veteri manuscripto Sancti Vandregisilii).]

XVII

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning Fering, etc. (1070–82). Calendar No. 163.

W. Dei gratia rex Anglie Sweynoni vicecomiti et omnibus fidelibus et ministris suis Francis et Anglis de Estsexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse Deo et Sancto Petro Westm' et fratribus eiusdem loci manerium quod Feringes nominatur, cum omnibus territoriis et beruwicis et appendiciis suis, et sokemannos ac terras eorum, qui non possunt ullo iure de eodem manerio recedere, et cum tribus domibus in Colecestria que huic subiacent. Unde volo et firmiter precipio ut illa quiete et pacifice et honorifice absque omni calumpnia et inquietudine amodo teneant, cum saka et socna et omnibus legibus et consuetudinibus, tam bene et tam plene sicut Haroldus comes melius et liberius tenuerat die qua rex Eadwardus fuit viuus et mortuus, et sicut egomet postea regalius possedi. Quod ego consilio baronum meorum maxime concessi, pro conuentione et cambitione quam feci pro Windlesoran, ut sic illud teneant sub eadem lege et libertate qua antea dono et concessione bone memorie regis Eadwardi Windlesores tenuerant. T. Lanfranco archiepiscopo, Odone Baioc', Gosfrido episcopo, Rodberto comite, Rogerio comite et multis aliis.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 244.]

XVIII

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning the manors of Battersea, Wandsworth, and Piriford (1070–82). Calendar No. 162.

Willelmus rex Anglorum W. episcopo et O. vicecomiti et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Suthereiescire, salutem. Sciatis quia volo et firmiter precipio ut Sanctus Petrus Westmonasterii et monachi habeant maneria Batriceseie et Wendleswrthe et Piriforde cum omnibus appendiciis suis et cum saca et socna, cum toll et team et latrone, et cum omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus et legibus, sicut Haroldus comes melius et plenius et liberius habuerat die qua Eadwardus rex fuit viuus et mortuus. Et nolo ut aliquis de illis aliquid auferat aut diminuat; nec ullus aliquam omnino habeat intromissionem aliquo tempore in terra siue in aqua nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii. Testibus Lanf' archiepiscopo et Odone Baioc' episcopo et Gosfr'. Constant'. episcopo et Ricardo comite fil' Gisl'. et Rogerio Com' de M'.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 168.]

XIX

(Pretended) Charter of William I to Westminster Abbey, concerning Battersea, Wandsworth, and Piriford (1070–82). Calendar No. 164.

Willelmus rex Anglorum episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ac omnibus fidelibus et ministris suis in Suthereia salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Sancto Petro Westmonasterii et fratribus eiusdem loci ad victuale subsidium maneria Batericeseie et Wendleswrthe et Piriforde, cum omnibus territoriis et beruwicis et appendiciis suis et omnibus rebus, scilicet in ecclesiis in campis in siluis in aquis in molendinis in pratis in plateis et extra plateas, et cum saca et socna et toll et team et latrone et emissione et hamsocna et forestеal et pacis fractura et flemenefyrmthe et cum omnibus legibus et consuetudinibus

que ad me pertinent, sic solutas et quietas et omni cuiuscumque exactionis inquietudine et angaria qualiumcumque causarum in via et extra, in festo et extra, sic liberas sicut Haroldus comes habuit die qua rex Eadwardus fuit viuus et mortuus. Melius etiam et firmius mee confirmacionis dono nunc habeat. Precipio etiam ut terre et homines sint ab omni opere castelli liberi et ab omnibus placitis et querelis et difficultatibus, nec ullus eis molestus sit aut ullo modo se intromittere audeat, in terra sive in aqua, ullo tempore aut per ullam occasionem, nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 168.]

XX

Calendar No. 166.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning the wood of Battersea, the church of Celintona, etc. (1076–82).

Willelmus rex Anglorum L. archiepiscopo et O. Baiocensi episcopo et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie salutem. Sciatis me velle ut abbas Vitalis et abbatia Sancti Petri habeant venacionem de silua que pertinet ad Patriceseiam; et de ducentis equis amodo habeant decimam prope ecclesiam et terram de Celintona quam tenet Boselinus de Diua; et domum predicti Bosonis et domum Osberni camerarii quas tenuerunt in Londonia; et Wic sicut rex Edwardus illud Sancto Petro dedit et inde fuit saisitus; et decimas de omni Wic que ad me pertinet; et socam et sacam et leges omnes ubique et latrones, sicuti ipse Sanctus eas habuit tempore regis Edwardi, et ego ipse postea predicto sancto eas concessi.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday', fo. 168.]

XXI

Calendar No. 171.

William I, confirming various grants to St. Stephen of Caen (1079–82).

Ego Willelmus rex Anglorum, princeps Nortmannorum et Cenomannorum, trado coenobio Sancti Stephani, quod in burgo Cadomi a me constructum est, ecclesiam Sancti Audoeni de Viteriis cum tota terra quam dedit Milo Mariscalcus in maritagio cum filia sua Arphasto in territorio Venuncii et Cadomi et Valceles. Trado etiam totam terram cum pratis Osberni Masculi. Concedo quoque totam terram quam de me tenet Giraldus Masculus in territorio Cadomi tam in alodio quam in feudo, medietatem quoque ecclesie S. Michaelis cum medietate decimae ad eandem ecclesiam pertinente, quam dedit iamdicto coenobio Radulfus Presbiter ut monachus fieret, concedente Hugone de Grentemaisnil qui dominus feodi erat, &c.

S. Willelmi regis Anglorum, ducis Northmannorum et principis Cenomannorum, S. Roberti filii regis, S. Willelmi archiepiscopi, S. Gaufridi Constanciensis episcopi, S. Ro' Sagiensis episcopi, S. Gisleberti Luxoviensis episcopi, S. Rogeri comitis, S. Roberti comitis Moretonii, S. Roberti comitis de Mellent, S. Hugonis comitis, S. W. de Bretolia, S. Rogeri Bigot, S. R. de Courceio, S. Roberti de Molberaio, S. Eudonis filii Huberti, S. R. de Todeneio, S. Hugonis de Gournaco, S. Henrici de Ferreriis, S. Walteri Gifardi, S. Will. Crispini.

[Bodleian, Dodsworth's Transcripts, 147, fo. 30 (from a cartulary of St. Stephen's).]

XXII

Calendar No. 176.

William I in favour of Archbishop Lanfranc, concerning Newington, St. Martin of Dover and Sheppey (1070–83).

Willelmus rex Anglorum Odoni fratri suo episcopo Baiocensi et comiti de Cantia et Hamoni vicecomiti et omnibus fidelibus suis in comitatu Cantie Francigenis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo Lanfranco Archiepiscopo omnes consuetudines in ecclesia de Neuentuna quas solebant habere antecessores eius melius et plenius tempore antecessorum meorum regum. Hoc idem etiam concessi et de consuetudine quam predicti antecessores eius habebant de ecclesia Sancti Martini de Doffris et Sceapeia. Quia volo ut ipse Lanfrancus et mater nostra ecclesia Christi honorifice habeat et teneat omnia que iuste habere debet et sui iuris sunt. Nec aliquo modo consentire volo ut aliquis aliquam iniustitiam ei faciat super amicitiam meam neque in consuetudinibus suis neque in aliqua alia re.

[Cotton MS. Cleopatra E. I, fo. 93 (Cotton transcript).]

XXIII

William I in favour of Evesham Abbey (1077–83). Calendar No. 185.

W. rex Anglorum L. archiepiscopo et O. Baiocensi episcopo et omnibus baronibus suis tocius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et Sancte Marie et W. abbati de Euesham Westunam Swellam et Benigwrtham et alias terras quas ipse abbas diracionavit coram multis baronibus meis Agildeburga. Et volo et firmiter precipio ut cum tali lege et libertate teneat ipsas terras sicut umquam antecessor eius melius tenuit tempore regis Edwardi et meo. Et precipio ut nullus super defensionem meam de illis terris aliquam calumpniam ei faciat.

[Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV (Register of Evesham Abbey), fo. 28.]

XXIV

Odo of Bayeux, Justiciar of England, in favour of Evesham Abbey (1079–83). Calendar No. 186.

O. Baiocensis episcopus Wlstano episcopo, Vrsoni et Durando et Wal[tero] vicecomitibus de Wiricestreshire et Gloucestreshire et Warewicsire et omnibus fidelibus regis francis et anglis salutem. Sciatis omnes quod dominus meus W. rex reddidit Deo et ecclesie de Euesham et W. abbati illas terras quas ipse abbas explacitauit coram vij schiris Adgildeneberga contra omnes iniuste eas querentes. Hoc est Westona et Swella et Benigwrtha et Buuntona, Wrthlakefford et Oleberga et Kinewartona et Hildeburewrtha et Rageleia. Et constanter defendo ex parte regis ut nullus amplius super hoc ei iniusticiam faciat. Sed istaš et omnes alias terras cum magno honore et pace teneat. Et nemini inde respondeat nisi Regi.

[Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV (Register of Evesham Abbey), fo. 28.]

XXV

William I confirming the grants of Godfrey of Bouillon to Westminster Abbey (1076–84). Calendar No. 202.

W. rex Anglie Walchelino episcopo Wintonie et omnibus baronibus et ministris suis Francis et Anglis de Sutrega salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et Sancto Petro et abbati Vitali et monachis Westmonasterii illas tres hidas quas Gaufridus filius comitis Eustachii pro Beatrice uxore sua ibidem libere donauit, annuente tunc Gaufrido de Magna Villa; unam videlicet in Belgeham, et duas in Waletona iuxta Mordonam. Et precipio quod predictus abbas et monachi Westmonasterii has prenominatas tres hidas perpetuo teneant bene et in pace, libere et honorifice, quietas de murdro et geldo vel danegeldo. Et defendo ne aliquis eis super hanc meam regiam libertatem et concessionem iniuriam vel torturam faciat. T. Wuluoldo abbate et Gaufrido de Magna Villa.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 181.
Armitage Robinson, *Gilbert Crispin*, p. 129.]

XXVI

William I in favour of Samson his chaplain, concerning the church of St. Mary, Wolverhampton (1074–85). Calendar No. 210.

W. rex Anglorum L. archiepiscopo et G. episcopo Constant'[1] et P. episcopo et R. vicecomiti ceterisque suis fidelibus de Estaffordscire salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Sampsoni capellano meo ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Wolvrenehamptonia, cum terra et omnibus aliis rebus et consuetudinibus, sicut melius predicta ecclesia habuit tempore regis Edwardi. Et videte ut haec omnia honorifice teneat quia bene volo.

[Pat. Roll, 2 Rich. II, pt. 2, m. 19.]

[1] MS. *Cisternensi.*

XXVII

William I in favour of St. Martin le Grand, concerning land near Cripplegate (1075–85). Calendar No. 211.

W. rex Anglorum Hugoni episcopo et Radulfo Baynard et fidelibus suis Londonii salutem. Dono et concedo ecclesie Sancti Martini Londiniensis totam terram et moram extra Crepelesgatam, ex utraque parte porte inter murum et rivulum fontium

usque ad aquam currentem que intrat in civitatem, ad curtellagium canonicorum faciendum, solutam et quietam sicut dominium monasterii pro animabus patris et matris mee.

[Charter Roll, 17 Ed. III, m. 19.]

XXVIII

Calendar No. 213.

William I in favour of Vitalis, Abbot of Westminster, concerning lands in Worcestershire (1076–85).

Willelmus rex Anglie episcopis abbatibus vicecomitibus et omnibus tam Francigenis et Anglicis, ubicumque Vitalis abbas Sancti Petri de Westmonasterio habet terras, salutem. Sciatis quia ego volo et firmiter concedo ut abbas Vitalis habeat in Wirecestrescire totum suum dominium, sicut poterit demonstrare quod Wlfstanus episcopus et abbas de Euesham et Rambaldus cancellarius diracionati sunt ad opus Sancti Petri de Westmonasterio ut illud haberet in dominio. Hoc etiam volo ut similiter per totam Angliam habeat suum dominium, quicumque illud ad presens tenet, sicut per comitatus et per hundredum demonstrare poterit quod ecclesia de Westmonasterio de dono regis Edwardi et de meo dono habuit. Volo etiam ut terras suas et siluas et vias et aquas cum honore teneat. Et Franci et Angli de feudo suo cum abbate concordent se.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 47.]

XXIX

Calendar No. 214.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey (1078–85).

W. rex P. atque R. et omnibus vicecomitibus suis salutem. Mando et precipio ut omnis terra Sancti Petri de Westmonasterio sit quieta sicut in tempore regis Edwardi, et in die quo mare transfretaui, fuit, et de Anselmo plenam iusticiam abbati Vitali fieri precipio, sic ut amplius clamorem non habeam. Valete.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 47.]

XXX

Calendar No. 215.

William I to Westminster Abbey, concerning lands in London (spurious) (1080–5).

Willelmus Dei gratia rex Anglie episcopis baronibus vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus et ministris suis et burgensibus de Londonia salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro Westmonasterii, pro salute anime mee et Edwardi regis cognati mei, omnes terras illas quas in Londonia predictus rex eidem ecclesie dederat et quas Sanctus Petrus antea in eadem tenebat, quicumque eas dedisset. Et volo et concedo ut omnes leges et consuetudines quas ipse rex concesserat in eis quiete et solute, melius etiam et firmius, nunc Sanctus Petrus habeat; et si quis amodo in eodem Burgo terram aut ecclesiam aut domum donaverat predicte ecclesie, mando et firmiter precipio ut eas solutas et ab omni cuiuscumque exactionis inquietudine supranominata ecclesia liberas habeat; ita ut nullus ullam intromissionem de illis habeat in terra aut in aqua nisi abbas et monachi ad usum monachorum. T. Walchel' Wint' episcopo, Willelmo Dun' episcopo et R. comite de Mellent et H. comite Cestr'. Apud Westmonasterium.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 100 v°.]

XXXI

Calendar No. 217.

William I (spurious) in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning Alwold's gift in London (1080–5).

Willelmus rex Anglie vicecomitibus et ministris omnibusque suis fidelibus Francis et Anglis de Londonia salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro Westmonasterii et Vitali abbati donum quod Alwoldus de porta Sancti Botulphi eis dedit quando monachus ibi effectus fuit; id est curiam suam dominicam cum omnibus suis, et unum warf quod est ad caput pontis Londonie, et alias terras suas quas in eadem urbe habuit, sicut rex Edwardus melius et plenius concesserat. Et volo et precipio ut bene et quiete et honorifice cum saca et socna et omnibus consuetudinibus eas predictus Sanctus teneat. Et defendo ne aliquis inde illis ullam iniuriam faciat. T. Walchel' Wint' episcopo et Willelmo

Dunelm'. episcopo et R. comite de Mell' et H. comite de Waruuic. Apud Westmonasterium.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 101.]

XXXII

William I decides a lawsuit in favour of the Holy Trinity of Fécamp (? 1086). Calendar No. 220.

De peruasionibus quas fecerat Willelmus de Braiosa in rebus Sancte Trinitatis placitatum fuit ala Choche, manerium Willelmi Dou, Willelmo Rege tenente curiam et placitum una dominica die a mane usque ad vesperam, presentibus filiis et omnibus Baronibus suis. Ibi definitum et concordatum fuit de silua de Hamoda ut per medium partiretur; et boscum scilicet et terra in qua villani manserant et que ad boscum pertinet. Et iussu regis hagia facta fuit per medium, et nostrum nobis remansit et suum Willelmo. De sepultura Sancti Cuthmanni hoc statutum fuit ut quita maneret; et iussu regis corpora defunctorum, que ad ecclesiam Willelmi sepulta fuerant, ab hominibus ipsius Willelmi defossa sunt et ad Ecclesiam Sancti Cuthmanni reportata, ad legitimam scilicet sepulturam. Et Herbertus decanus retulit denarios quos acceperat de sepulturis, de wacis, de signis sonatis, et de toto quod accipitur pro mortuo. Et primo iurare fecit quendam parentem suum vice sua se plus non habuisse. Ad Udicam peruaserat Willelmus de terra Sancte Trinitatis ad parcum suum. Vnde iudicatum est parcum destrui debere, et destructum est; terra remansit quita. De warenna quam fecerat in terra Sancte Trinitatis hoc iud[i]catum est, ut destrueretur; et destructa est. De teloneo quod accipiebat ad pontem suum de hominibus Sancte Trinitatis, iudicatum est quod non deberet dari, quippe quod tempore Eadwardi regis nunquam datum fuit; et iussu regis quicquid inde acceptum fuerat redditum fuit, telonario iurante se non amplius accepisse. De nauibus que ascendunt ad portum Sancti Cuthmanni hoc iudicatum fuit, quitas esse debere per duos denarios, ascendendo et descendendo. nisi aliud mercatum ad castellum Willelmi fecerint. Via quam fecerat in terra Sancte Trinitatis iudicata fuit debere destrui; et destructa est. De fossato quod factum fuerat ad conductum aque castelli iudicatum est ut repleretur; et repletum est; et terra mansit quita. De marisco hoc decretum est, quitum esse debere usque ad montem in circuitu et salinas. De decem et octo hortis iudicatum est hoc, esse quitos Sancte Trinitati. De teloneo quod accipitur per totam septimanam hoc iudicatum fuit, ut totum sit sancti, Sabbato tantum medietas Willelmi. Hec omnia quita et libera Fiscannensi ecclesie remanserunt. De quorum omnium peruasionibus Willelmus vadium in manu regis dedit in misericordiam ejus. Hii Barones viderunt hunc finem; filii Regis Willelmus et Henricus. Archiepiscopi Lanfrancus et Thomas. Episcopi Willelmus Dunelmensis, Walkelinus Wintoniensis, Remigius Nicoliensis, Gaufridus Constantiensis, Robertus Cestrensis, Robertus Herefortensis, Osmundus Salisberiensis, Mauricius Londoniensis. Comites Robertus de Moritonio, Alanus Ruffus, Rogerus de Montegomerico. Barones Ricardus filius Gisleberti comitis, Baldewinus frater eius, Rogerus Bigot, Henricus de Feriers, Bernardus de Novo Mercato, Willelmus Dou, Hugo de Port, Ricardus Goiz, Eudo dapifer, Robertus dispensator, Robertus filius Tetbaldi, Willelmus de Percei, Robertus de Roolent,' Nigellus de Torp, Rogerius de Corcella, Aluenedus de Nicolia, Willelmus de Falesia, Henricus de Bellomonte. Abbates, Serlo abbas Gloecestrie, Turstinus Glestonie. Monachi Sancte Trinitatis, Willelmus et Raherius fratres. Bernardus filius Ospaci. Laici, Willelmus malcuaduit, Godefridus frater ejus, Sotriz, Leviet, Ricardus de Bodes, Geroldin.

[P. R. O. Cartae Antiquae 29(1).]

XXXIII

William I in favour of St. Peter of Chertsey (1066 86). Calendar No. 224.

W. rex Anglie vicecomiti et omnibus ministris suis de Sudreie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro Cert' quattuor mansuras, scilicet eandem villam et Eggeham et Torp et Chebbeham quietas ab omni geldo et consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent; scilicet soc et sac, tol et tem et infangenetheof et gridbriche et

forestel et hamsocnam et flemenefremthe et murdrum in festis et extra fest' cum aliis consuetudinibus quas habuerunt tempore regis Eadwardi T. Vrs' de Abetot.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae 4 (11). Cotton MS. Vitellius A. XIII, fo. 53 v°.]

XXXIV

Calendar No. 245.

William I to the Abbey of Evesham (1066–87).

Willelmus rex Anglie Wlstano episcopo et Vrsoni de Abetot et omnibus fidelibus suis de Wiricestrescire francigenis et anglicis salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo ut terra de Lenc, quam ego reddidi Deo et ecclesie de Euesham ad mensam fratrum, sit libera ab omni geldo et de opere castelli et de omnibus consuetudinibus. Teste Vrsone predicto.

[Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV (Register of Evesham Abbey), fo. 18.]

XXXV

Calendar No. 282.

William I in favour of Evesham Abbey (1080–7).

W. rex Anglie Wlstano episcopo et Vrsoni de Abetot et Os[berno] filio Ri[cardi] et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis de Wiricestre scire francigenis et anglicis salutem. Sciatis quod ego volo et concedo ut terra de Lenc quam ego reddidi pro anima mea Deo et ecclesie de Euesham ad mensam fratrum sit libera ab omni geldo et de opere castelli et de omnibus consuetudinibus. Teste Willelmo episcopo de Durh'.

[Cotton MS. Vesp. B. XXIV (Register of Evesham Abbey), fo. 18.]

XXXVI

Calendar No. 229.

Grant by William I, to St. Amand of Rouen, of a market at Saane (1080–6).

Ego Willelmus rex Anglorum concedo Sancto Amando et sanctimonialibus unum mercatum in Sedana in unaquaque ebdomada, die dominica. Huius rei testes sunt Mauricius cancellarius, Ivo Taillebosc, Eudo Dapifer, Reinoldus frater abbatisse.

[P. R. O. Record Commission Transcripts, Series II, Vol. 140 A, No. 16 (from a cartulary of St. Amand); Round, *C. D. F.* 92; Pommeraye, *St. Amand*, p. 81.]

XXXVII

Calendar No. 233.

(? Spurious) Charter of William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning the manor of Staines (Dec. 25, 1080–6).

Willelmus rex Anglorum episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus vicecomitibus ac omnibus fidelibus et ministris suis Francis et Anglis in Middelsexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro Westmonasterii et fratribus eiusdem loci ad victuale subsidium manerium quod Stana nominatur, cum omnibus territoriis et beruwicis et appendiciis suis et omnibus rebus, scilicet cum ecclesiis, cum terris cultis et incultis, exitibus atque redditibus, viis et inuiis, siluis segetibus pratis pascuis aquis aquarumue decursibus paludibus piscacionibus piscariis molendinis, in plateis et extra plateas, et cum saca et socna et toll et team et latrone et emissione et hamsocna et foresteal et pacis fractura et flemenefirmth et miskenninga et cum omnibus legibus et consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent, sic solutas et quietas et ab omni cuiuscumque exactionis inquietudine et ab angaria qualiumcumque causarum in urbe et extra, in via et extra, in festo et extra, et sic liberas sicut rex Edwardus dedit predicto Sancto et per cartas priuilegii sui concessit atque confirmauit. Et melius et firmius mee confirmacionis dono nunc habeat. Precipio etiam ut terre et homines sint liberi ab omni opere castelli et ab omnibus placitis et querelis et consuetudinibus et difficultatibus. Et defendo et firmiter prohibeo quod nemo vicecomitum procuratorum exactorum vel ministrorum eis indecens vel molestus aut infestus sit ullo tempore aut ullo modo se intromittere audeat in terra siue in aqua per ullam occasionem nisi abbas et monachi ad omnem utilitatem que inde poterit monasterio omni tempore peruenire. Testibus Walchelino Winton' episcopo, Willelmo Dunelm' episcopo, Gundulpho Hrofensi episcopo, Mauricio cancellario, Roberto comite de Mellent, Alano comite, Hugone comite Cestrie, Haimone dapifero, Rogerio Bigod, Rodberto de Oleyo, Yuone Taillebosc' et multis aliis. Apud Westmonasterium. In Natali Domini.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 129.]

XXXVIII

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning Ayot St. Lawrence (1080–6). Calendar No. 235.

W. rex Anglorum Remigio episcopo et P. de Valoniis et vicecomiti et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hertfordscire, salutem. Sciatis quia volo et firmiter precipio ut Sanctus Petrus et monachi Westmonasterii habeant manerium quod nominatur Ægate cum ecclesia et silua, cum molendinis et prato et cum omnibus appendiciis suis, sicut Alfwinus Cottun et uxor sua pro animabus suis predicto Sancto donauerunt et sicut rex Edwardus melius et plenius et liberius eis concessit, cum saka et soka, cum tol et theam et latrone et cum omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus et legibus. Et nolo ut aliquis de illo aliquid auferat vel diminuat ; nec ullus aliquam omnino habeat intromissionem vel calumpniam aliquo tempore nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii. T. Willelmo episcopo Dunelm' et Walchelino episcopo Winton' et Rodberto comite de Mellent et Iuone Taillebosc' et Rodberto de Oleyo. Apud Windresores.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 237 v°.]

XXXIX

William I in favour of Alfgiva, Abbess of Barking (1066–87). Calendar No. 240.

Willelmus Dei gratia rex omnibus ubique fidelibus salutem. Hiis literis omnibus notum facio quod ego A. abbatisse pacem et amorem meum concedo, et omnes leges suas in civitate et extra civitatem, sicut unquam eas melius habuit alia abbatissa in isto monasterio Sancte Marie in tempore Edwardi regis. Et omnibus prohibeo tam Francigenis quam Anglis ut nullus ei iniuriam faciat ; et qui ei fecit michi fecit.

[Charter Roll, 7 & 8 Ric. II, No. 33.]

XL

William I in favour of Abbot Baldwin of Bury St. Edmunds (1066–87). Calendar No. 242.

Willelmus rex Anglorum Ricardo filio Comitis et R. vicecomiti salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Sancto Edmundo et Abbati Baldewyno terram Brichtulfi, et concedo ut imperpetuum habeat. Precipio etiam vobis duobus ut faciatis abbati B. iusticiam de Petro de Valeynes et de illis hominibus qui sibi iniusticiam fecerunt postquam mare transfretaui. De illis etiam hominibus Frodonis, de quibus homines Comitis Eustachii eundem Frodonem disseisierunt in Bukeshale, precepto meo eum resaisiatis. Postea, si quid super eos recalumpniauerint, inter uos iusticiam teneatis.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 32 v° (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).]

XLI

William I, concerning injustices to Bury St. Edmunds (1066–87). Calendar No. 258.

Willelmus Dei gratia rex Anglorum R. comiti de Eu, H. de Monteforti et R. filio comitis G. salutem. Terras et homines Sancti Edmundi meo iussu ita facite quiete manere et in pace stare sicut erant ea die qua mare transiui. Illos autem homines Sancti Edmundi quos Petrus de Valeynes in capcione tenet, quacumque racione eos accepit, meo precepto liberos et absolutos facite exire de capcione. Postea inter Abbatem et eundem Petrum, omnes eciam alios quicumque Sancto Edmundo iniusticiam fecerunt postquam mare transiui, firmam tenete iusticiam.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 38.]

XLII

William I in favour of the Holy Trinity, Canterbury (1066–87). Calendar No. 243.

W. rex Anglie omnibus vicecomitibus et prepositis anglicis et francigenis ubicumque monachi de Sancta Trinitate Cantuarie terras habent salutem. Volo ut sciatis me concessisse eisdem monachis omnes terras et res suas, et precipio ut ipsi firmiter teneant et honorifice habeant. Et defendo ne aliquis eis iniuriam vel iniusticiam faciat, de omnibus illis rebus dico que ad monachos eiusdem ecclesie pertinent. Volo preterea et precipio ut predicti monachi potestatem habeant terras suas dandi et tollendi ubicumque eis melius visum fuerit, quicumque eas

teneat. Et precipio ut homines eiusdem ecclesie predictis monachis subditi sint et subiecti et in omnibus obedientes. T. Gosfrido episcopo Constanciensi, Bernardo capellano. Hugone de Munford. Apud Vestmonasterium in octabis pentecostes.

[Chapter Archives, Canterbury, C. 5 (original).]

XLIII

Calendar No. 250.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning Wermelea (1066–87).

W. rex Anglorum Ilberto de Hertford et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quia ego concedo Sancto Petro Westm' terram de Wermelea quam Leofsinus de Lundonia dedit eidem ecclesie. Et volo atque precipio ut Sanctus Petrus eam habeat sicut unquam melius habuit, et sicut rex Edwardus eidem ecclesie concessit et inde fuit saisita, et sicut ego ipse postea predicto Sancto eam concessi.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 678 v°.]

XLIV

Calendar No. 275.

William I in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning churches in Rutlandshire. (Probably spurious.) (1080–7.)

W. rex Anglie Remigio episcopo Lincolnie et H. de Port et omnibus ministris suis ac fidelibus Francis et Anglis de Notingehamscire salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro Westm' et monachis duas ecclesias in Rotelande, Uppingeham et Werleiam, cum ecclesia de Beltuna, cum terris omnibus et decimis et capellis eis pertinentibus. Et volo et firmiter precipio ut bene et in pace et quiete et honorifice teneant, cum omnibus rebus et rectitudinibus et legibus et cum omnimoda libertate ipsis ecclesiis pertinentibus, sicut fuerunt tempore regis Edwardi melius et plenius et liberius. Et defendo super hoc ne ullus eis aliquam iniuriam faciat; quia nolo ut aliquis aliquam intromissionem de illis ullo tempore habeat nisi abbas et monachi ad usum monasterii. Teste Willelmo Dunelm' episcopo et Walchelino episcopo et Roberto comite de Mellent et Rodberto de Oleyo.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 253.]

XLV

Calendar No. 285.

Confirmation, by William I, to St. Amand of Rouen, of gifts made by Maurice, Bishop of London (1086–7).

Ego Willelmus, Anglorum Rex, concedo quod Mauricius Londoniensis episcopus det Sancto Amando de Rothomago decimas quas habuit in foresta de Halieromonte et de Ewart, tam in essartis quam in denariis; et decimam denariorum de Barbato Fluvio; et decimam de Sancto Jacobo. Et iubeo et affirmo ut Sanctus Amandus haec omnia bene habeat, sicut Mauricius episcopus melius habuit. Teste Willelmo filio Regis, et Roberto comite Moritoniensi et Eudone dapifero, et Rotberto dispensatore.

Signum + Willelmi Regis. Sig. + Willelmi filii Regis. Sig. + Rotberti comitis. Sig. + Eudonis dapiferi.

[P.R.O. Record Commission Transcripts, Series II, Vol. 140 A, No. 15 (from a cartulary of St. Amand); Round, *C. D. F.* No. 94; Pommeraye, *St. Amand*, p. 82.]

XLVI

Calendar No. 294.

William II confirming the possessions of Bury St. Edmunds (c. 1087).

Willelmus rex Anglorum omnibus vicecomitibus suis ceterisque ministris in cunctis vicecomitatibus in quibus Sanctus Edmundus terras habet vel homines, salutem. Mando vobis quod ego concedo Sancto Edmundo omnes illas terras et omnes illos homines quos habuit in tempore regis Edwardi et in tempore regis Willelmi patris mei cum terris eorum. Et ideo precipio ut nullus vestrum de illis terris et de illis hominibus amplius se, si me diligitis, intromittat. T. Edwardo Episcopo (*sic*) Sar.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 38 (Registrum Album S. Edmundi).]

XLVII

William II in favour of the Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (c. 1087). Calendar No. 291.

W. rex Anglie G. dapifero et Hermero salutem. Precipio ut abbas Sancti Edmundi omnes terras suas et omnes homines suos ita bene habeat sicut melius habuit die qua pater meus fuit viuus et mortuus, et die qua ego nouissime in Angliam veni ; et omnes consuetudines suas similiter ; quia volo ut sua omnia cum honore teneat. Et videte ne aliquis ei iniusticiam faciat. T. Rogerio Bigot.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 38 v° (Registrum Album S. Edmundi).]

XLVIII

William II in favour of Baldwin, Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (c. 1087). Calendar No. 293.

Willelmus rex Anglie omnibus episcopis comitibus ceterisque baronibus suis in omnibus comitatibus in quibus Baldewynus Abbas habet terras et homines, salutem. Notum vobis facio quod Baldewyno Abbati abbatiam suam, cum saka et soka in omnibus, tam pleniter habere concedo, infra burgum et extra, sicut Edwardus rex et post eum Willelmus rex pater meus sibi concessit. Neque hoc cuiquam consentire volo ut sibi aliquid ex hiis que concessi subtrahat. T. Edward Sar'.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 33 (Album Registrum S. Edmundi) ; also Harl. MS. 743, fo. 60.]

XLIX

William II in favour of Bp. Remigius of Lincoln, concerning Kirkton and Hiberstow (Sept. 26, 1087—March 12, 1088). Calendar No. 305.

W. rex Anglorum N. vicecomiti salutem. Mando tibi ut facias episcopo Remigio et canonicis suis habere ecclesiam suam de Chirchetona cum decimis que ad eam pertinent et de Hiboldestou similiter, sicuti melius habebant tempore patris mei. Et vide ne pro penuria recti amplius inde clamorem audiam. T. episcopo Dunelmensi per W. de Werelw'.

[Lincoln, Dean and Chapter, Registrum Antiquissimum, No. 8.]

L

(Pretended) Charter of William II to Shaftesbury Abbey (1089). Calendar No. 309.

Cum varii successores incognita veritate vetustatis certa[1] sepe soleant statuta antecessorum suorum iniuste pervertere, ego Willelmus rex Anglorum anno ab incarnacione domini millesimo octagesimo IX°, secundo anno mei imperii, omnibus meis successoribus designo quod ego propter iusticiam et honorem Dei, et pro me et pro anima patris mei regis Willelmi et matris mee, dono et concedo ecclesie Sancte Marie et Sancti Edwardi de Seftesberia, Eularia abbatissa superstite, has terras subscriptas in elemosina pura et libera imperpetuum possidendas, scilicet Kelmetunam quam dedit Serlo de Burri predicte ecclesie cum filia sua moniali, et duas hidas de Foxlee quas dedit Rogerus de Bohlai cum filia sua moniali, et dimidiam hidam de firma quam Eiulfus vicecomes tenuerat de terra predicte ecclesie et postmodo tandem tradidit eam eidem ecclesie cum filia sua moniali in dominio possidendam. Et in Bremelega virgatam et terram de Selfant quas Aluredus pincerna dedit cum filia sua moniali. + Signum Willelmi regis Anglorum. + Signum Thome archiepiscopi. + Signum Mauricii episcopi Lundoniensis. + Signum Walkelini Wint' episcopi. + Signum Johannis Batoniensis episcopi. + Signum Roberti Cestrensis episcopi. + Signum Roberti Herefordensis episcopi. + Signum Turstini Glastingbriensis Abbatis &c.

[Register of Shaftesbury Abbey, Harl. MS. 61, fo. 23.]

[1] MS. cā.

LI

William II in favour of St. Pancras of Lewes (1088–91). Calendar No. 325.

Notum sit presentibus et futuris quod ego Willelmus dei gratia Rex Anglorum concedo monasterio Sancti Pancracii quod situm est apud Leuuas, et monachis Cluniacensibus ibidem deo Sanctoque Pancracio famulantibus, pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum, elemosinam quam Willelmus de Warenna predicte congregationi pro salute anime sue dedit, mansionem videlicet que Erceham nominatur

quantum ipse in dominio suo inde tenebat. In hoc autem dominio numeratur terra Pagani qui tunc temporis prepositus ibi erat. Hanc igitur mansionem et quicquid quoquomodo ad illam pertinet eisdem monachis concedo, et ut insolubiliter libere illud possideant regali auctoritate impero, sicut Willelmus illud in dominio suo habebat die qua viuus et mortuus fuit. Eadem auctoritate eis concedo totam terram quam Willelmus in dominio habebat in insula in qua monasterium reedificatum est quam ipse ad augmentum elemosine sue eis dedit. Hidam etiam terre quam Eustachius in Borgemera possedit, et ipse eodem modo eis dedit, et ego eodem modo eis concedo. Et ut donatio hec firma et inconcussa perpetuo maneat, signo sancte Crucis manu propria confirmavi et manibus fidelium meorum testificandam tradidi. Signum + Willelmi regis. S. + Gunnulfi episcopi. S. + Willelmi Teforensis episcopi. S. + Rogeri comitis. S. + Roberti comitis. S. [+] Walteri Gyphardi. S. + Henrici de Ferrariis. S. + Henrici de Bellomonte. S. + comitis Alani. S. + comitis Hugonis de Cestra. S. + Rotgerii de Busliaco. S. + Bernardi de Novo Mercato. S. + Walterii de Aincurte. S. + Ricoardi. S. + Radulfi de Caisneto. S. + Ricardi. S. + Hugonis filii Golde. S. + Godefridi de Petraponte. S. + Hugonis de Wanciaco.

[Confirmation Roll, 2 Henry VIII, pt. 4, No. 17.]

LII

Calendar No. 338.

Charter of William II in favour of Thomas, Archbishop of York (Dec. 25, 1093).

Willelmus rex Anglie etc. G. Brenard (*sic*) et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Volo ut sciatis quod ego ecclesiam Sancti Stephani, que in Eboraco iuxta stagnum sita est, et quod adiacet, concedo Thome Archiepiscopo et ecclesie Sancti Petri in excambio pro illa terra in qua abbathia Sancte Marie Ebor' constituta est, ut exhinc abbathia predicta ab omni calumnia secura et libera permaneat. Actum est hoc in concilio apud Glocestriam natali domini quo ibi primum rex curiam suam tenuit, audientibus istis et videntibus quorum nomina hic inserta sunt. Anselmus Cant' Archiepiscopus, Thomas Ebor' Archiepiscopus, Willelmus Dunelmensis Episcopus, Robertus Cestrie Episcopus, Robertus Herford' Episcopus, Johannes Somerset' Episcopus, Simundus (*sic*) Sarisburiensis Episcopus, Walchelinus Wintoniensis Episcopus, Mauritius London' Episcopus, Herbertus Thetford' Episcopus, Ginulphus (*sic*) Rochestr' Episcopus, Robertus Lincoln' Episcopus, Herueus Sancti Dauid Episcopus, Radulfus Cicestr' Episcopus, Thurstennus Glastonie Abbas, Gilbertus Abbas.

[Bodleian, Dodsworth Transcripts, 63, fo. 8 v°.]

LIII

Calendar No. 340.

William II in favour of Bermondsey Priory, concerning Charlton (1093).

Willelmus rex Anglorum ——[1] archiepiscopo et G. episcopo Rouesc' et H. dapifero et omnibus fidelibus suis Francigenis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse donum quod fecit Robertus Cancellarius meus, videlicet episcopus Lincoln', de manerio suo de Cherletona quod dedit pro salute animae nostrae ecclesiae Sancti Saluatoris de Bermundesey. Et volo ut monachi predictae ecclesiae ita honorifice et pacifice teneant sicut Baiocensis episcopus et Robertus predictus melius tenuerunt tempore patris mei et meo tempore. Teste episcopo Willelmo Dunelmensi.

[B.M. Cotton Claudius A. VIII, fo. 116 (transcript).]

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LIV

Calendar No. 345.

William I or II in favour of Thorney Abbey, concerning Bolnhurst, &c. (1085–93).

Willelmus rex Anglorum vicecomiti et ministris et omnibus baronibus suis de Bedefordscire, salutem. Mando et precipio ut Gunterius abbas teneat terram de Bolleherst[1] totam liberam et quietam, absque omni calumpnia, sicut eam tenuit Folcardus. Et ecclesiam quam Toui presbyter tenet ad placitum eiusdem

[1] *Holleherst*, Dugdale.

abbatis teneat. Et videte sicut me amatis ut nemo predicto abbati super hoc iniuriam faciat. T. G. episcopo de Sancto Loth et G. cancellario.

[Bodleian, Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 (Ex Registro Abbatie de Thorney, penes prenobilem Mildmay, comitem Westmorland, 1640).]

LV

William II in favour of the monks of Durham, concerning Billingham (1087–93). Calendar No. 344.

W. rex Anglie G. Bainardo salutem. Scias me concessisse Deo et S. Cuthberto et monachis suis Bellingaham cum omnibus suis appendiciis ita bene et quiete cum omnibus consuetudinibus, sicut melius et quietius alias suas terras intra Teisam et Tinam habent. Et vide ne ullo modo te amodo intromittas de rebus monachorum quia volo ut cum honore teneant. T. R. canc'.

[Durham Cathedral, Prima Primae Regalium, No. 7 (original).
Cf. *Feodarium Prioratus Dunelmensis*, p. 138 note.]

LVI

William II in favour of Peter de Valognes (1087–93). Calendar No. 346.

Willelmus rex Anglorum R. comiti et omnibus suis fidelibus de Hertfordscire. Sciatis me concessisse Petro de Valoniis domum de Hertford cum molendinis et cum molta eorum, et quoddam manerium nomine Begeford' in feodo pro duobus maneriis que debebam illi, scilicet Begeford' cum appendiciis. Testibus S. episcopo et H. vicecomite qui fecit breve fieri.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae, K. 22.]

LVII

William II in favour of the Abbot of St. Augustine's (1087–94). Calendar No. 351.

Willelmus rex Anglie H. dapifero salutem. Fac ut abbas Sancti Augustini habeat omnes decimas quas Sanctus Augustinus habebat ea die qua pater meus fuit viuus et mortuus, cuicumque ego postea dederim terras de quibus decime exeunt ; et quicquid sibi ablatum est fac sibi reddi cum iusticia, et de terra de qua Anschitillus dissaisiuit eum, postquam ipse recepit abbaciam, fac eum resaisiri et michi et sibi fac inde iusticiam si iniuria facta est. T[este] R. Canc[ellario].

[Cartulary of St. Augustine, P.R.O. Exch. (K.R.), Misc. Bk. XXVII, fo. 152.]

LVIII

William II in favour of Bermondsey Priory (May 13, 1095). Calendar No. 362.

Willelmus rex Anglie W. Capre et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Sumerseta salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et monachis de Bermondesey duas hidas terre de Estanes quas Walterus filius Ansgeri eis dedit. T. Anserello de Parentin et W. Peverel Doure. Apud Windsoram in pentecoste.

[B.M. Cotton Claudius A. VIII, fo. 115 *b* (transcript).]

LIX

William (I or II) in favour of the Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (1080–95). Calendar No. 369.

Willelmus rex Anglie T.[1] abbati de Burgo salutem. Mando tibi et precipio ut permittas abbatem Sancti Edmundi sufficientiam accipere de petra ad ecclesiam suam et sicut illam hactenus habuit, et non amplius impedimentum sibi facias in adducendis petris ad aquam quam antea fecisti. T. episcopo Dunelmensi.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 32 v° (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).
Printed in Battely's *Antiquitates S. Edmundi Burgi* (1745), p. 50 (ex Registro Sacristae).]

[1] MS. *C.*

LX

William II in favour of Robert, Bishop of Lincoln, concerning the wapentake of Estou (1093–5). Calendar No. 374.

W. rex Anglorum O. vicecomiti et baronibus Lincolie Francigenis et Anglicis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Roberto Lincolniensi episcopo tercium denarium del

Wapentac del Estou ad firmam per x libras numero quoque anno; quamdiu vixerit ita illum habebit. T. episcopo Dunelm' et Wach' episcopo et Rann' capellano.

[Lincoln Chapter Library, Registrum Antiquissimum, No. V.]

LXI

Calendar No. 341.

(? Spurious) William II to Archbishop Thomas and St. Peter of York (c. 1093).

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti Amen. Summi patris fuit consilium ut sanctam civitatem suam celestem, scilicet Ierusalem, que superbia diaboli divisa erat, morte dilectissimi filii intercedente redintegraret et per redempcionem generis humani angelica dampna repararet. Hac consideracione ego Willelmus Dei gratia rex Anglorum, Willelmi regis filius qui Edwardo regi iure hereditario successit, videns ecclesiam Anglorum ex parte diuisam et discordantem, resarcire concupiui quod male scissum fuerat, et ad unitatem vere caritatis reuocare quod diu discussum sub discordia manserat. Redemi igitur de meis propriis possessionibus calumpniam quam habebat Eboracensis ecclesia et Thomas eiusdem ecclesie archiepiscopus super Lincolniam et super Lindissim et super mansiones Stow et Dudham: et dedi pro eisdem ecclesie Sancti Petri Eboraci iure perpetuo possidendas abbatiam Sancti Germani de Seleby et ecclesiam Sancti Oswaldi de Gloucestria cum omnibus ad eas iure pertinentibus. Et ita dedi archiepiscopo Thome et successoribus suis abbatiam Sancti Germani sicut Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis habet episcopatum Roffensem. Et ipse predicta beneficia benigne dimisit et gratanter Thomas archiepiscopus in eternum, consentiente clero eiusdem, predictam calumpniam in presentia mea et episcoporum et procerum meorum, michi et Roberto episcopo Lincolniensi et successoribus eius. Huius autem calumpnie redempcionem feci ego gracia eiusdem Roberti episcopi, quia cancellarius meus extiterat. Testibus Willelmo rege, Thoma Archiepiscopo, Ebor' Walchelino episcopo Wint., Willelmo episcopo Dunelm', Anselmo Archiepiscopo Cant', Gundulfo episcopo Roff'.

[Liber Albus (York Cathedral Library), pt. II, fo. 4 *b* (incomplete); Charter Roll, 3 Ed. III, No. 51.]

LXII

Calendar No. 395.

William II in favour of Ralph, *dapifer* of the Abbot of Bury St. Edmunds (1087–97).

W. rex Anglie B. abbati de Sancto Edmundo et H. camerario et H. de Bochelanda et omnibus baronibus suis de Norf' et Suff' et Bedeford shiris, Francigenis et Anglicis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Radulfo dapifero predicti Abbatis terram de Lidgate et de Blunham et quicquid ad illam pertinet, habere et de Sancto Edmundo et de abbate tenere tam bene quam unquam melius tenuit per unum diem vel unam noctem. Et si aliquis iniuste de illa terra ablatum est precipio ut totum iuste reddatur. Et volo ut per magnum honorem illam teneat, et nolo ut alicui quicquam respondeat inde, nisi ego precipio vel abbas dominus suus. T. Walch. episcopo de Wincestr' et comite de Mellent et Rann' capellano de Bainardo.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14848, fo. 32.]

LXIII

Calendar No. 392.

William II in favour of Abbot Baldwin of Bury St. Edmunds, concerning his mint (1087–97).

W. rex Anglie H. de Fereres et G. dapifero et Goscelino et ministris suis de Northf' et de Suff' salutem. Precipio vobis constanter ut faciatis quod Baldewynus abbas de Sancto Edmundo terras suas omnes et omnes consuetudines suas infra burgum et extra, et de monetario et de cambiatoribus, habeat sicut ipse illis unquam melius saysitus erat in predicto tempore regis Edwardi et tempore patris mei. Et volo ut de omnibus predictis rebus resaisiatis [eum] sicut melius saysitus erat in predicto tempore. Et postea si aliquis adversus abbatem aliquid reclamaverit, termino convenienti sit inde ad rectum, et videte sicut me diligitis ut abbatem inde iuste et honorifice retractari faciatis. T. Hugone de Grantenamilo.

[Add. MS. 14847, fo. 38 (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).
E. H. R. xxiv, p. 424.]

LXIV

William II in favour of Abbot Baldwin of Bury St. Edmunds, concerning sac and soc, suit of shire and hundred, &c. (1087–97). Calendar No. 393.

Willelmus rex Anglorum omnibus iudicibus suis et vicecomitibus et ministris regni Anglie salutem. Volo et precipio ut Sanctus Edmundus et Baldewynus Abbas et monachi sui teneant terras et homines et sakam et sokam, infra burgum et extra, et omnes alias consuetudines, ita pleniter et honorifice sicut brevia regis Edwardi et brevia patris mei et mea propria brevia demonstrant. Quod idem sanctus et sui in omnibus tenere debent. Et prohibeo ut nullus presumat eis molestiam vel iniuriam inde facere. Et defendo etiam ut non cogatis homines Sancti ire ad schiras vel ad hundreda, nisi illos qui tantum terre habent, unde digni fuissent tempore regis Edwardi ire ad schiras vel ad hundreda. Et non placitet neque sui de ulla re unde Sanctus saysitus erat die qua pater meus fuit viuus et mortuus. T. Radulfo filio Ursonis.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 33 (Registrum Album S. Edmundi).
Cf. *E. H. R.* xxiv. 424.]

LXV

William II to Westminster Abbey, confirming the gift of Geoffrey de Mandeville of the manor of Eye (1087–97). Calendar No. 402.

Willelmus rex Anglorum baronibus suis et omnibus fidelibus Francis et Anglis de Middelsexa salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro Westmonasterii et Gisleberto abbati manerium de Eye quod Goffridus de Magna Villa et uxor eius dederunt eidem ecclesie pro animabus eorum. Et volo et concedo ut omnes leges et consuetudines quiete et solute in illo manerio habeat Sanctus Petrus et abbas; hoc est, sacam et socam, toll et theam, latronem et omnes consuetudines in via et extra, in festo et extra. Et defendo ne aliquis sit ausus ei vel suis hominibus inde super hoc aliquam iniuriam facere. T. Walchelinus episcopus et Haimo et alii. Apud Londoniam.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 103.]

LXVI

William II in favour of the monks of Durham (1096–7). Calendar No. 396.

Willelmus Dei gratia rex Anglie Thome archiepiscopo et R. episcopo et omnibus vicecomitibus et baronibus et fidelibus suis Francigenis et Anglicis regni Anglie, salutem. Precipio et defendo ne monachi Sancti Cuthberti vel homines sui ullo modo placitent aut respondeant de terris vel hominibus vel consuetudinibus aut de ulla re unde saisiti erant die qua Willelmus episcopus Dunelmensis viuus et mortuus fuit. Sed ita bene et quiete et in pace, cum sacca et sokene et tol et team et infangentheof et cum omnibus consuetudinibus infra burgum et extra, omnes res suas teneant, sicut umquam melius et quietius tenuerunt vel episcopus eorum die qua ipse episcopus vivus et mortuus fuit. Et si de ulla re post mortem ipsius episcopi sunt desaisiti, precipio ut sine mora sint resaisiti. Et si aliquis eos desaisierit aut aliquam iniuriam eis amodo fecerit, volo sciatis quod pacem meam super eos infregerit. Et ipse emendabit mihi fracturam pacis mee. Test' Walkelino episcopo et Willelmo cancellario, apud Salesburiam.

[Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67.]

LXVII

William II in favour of the canons of Lincoln (1093–8). Calendar No. 407.

W. rex Anglorum O. uicecomiti Lincolie salutem. Precipio tibi ut canonicos Sancte Marie Lincoliensis resaisias de terris suis unde dissaisiti sunt postquam ego in infirmitate cecidi, et fac illis reddi quicquid inde postea ablatum est; et illos qui eos dissaisierunt et sua post predictum terminum ceperunt pone per bonos plegios. T. Roberto filio Hamonis et I. Taileb'. Maxime resaisi eos de terra ecclesie de Castra. T. predictorum.

[Chapter Library, Lincoln, Registrum Antiquissimum, No. XIII.]

LXVIII

Calendar No. 409.

William II in favour of Peterborough Abbey, concerning the gifts of Ivo Taillebois (c. 1098).

Willelmus rex Anglorum Roberto Lincolniensi episcopo et Osberno vicecomiti et omnibus baronibus suis et fidelibus salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Sancto Petro de Burgo et Turoldo abbati et monachis eiusdem ecclesie ad victum eorum terras illas quas Yuo Talebois de predicto abbate tenuit et ipse idem Yuo eisdem monachis in vita sua reddidit. Ita scilicet ut post decessum eius ad domum Sancti Petri redirent, testante cyrographo ab eodem Yuone et Turoldo abbate conscripto. Hec autem sunt terrarum nomina, scilicet Scotere et Walcote cum omnibus appendiciis suis in siluis et pratis et aquis et piscariis et molendinis et domibus infra burgum et extra. Et volo et precipio ut honorifice et quiete teneant eas sicut melius tenent alias terras de dominio Sancti Petri cum consuetudine et legibus suis. Et defendo ne aliquis eis super hoc iniuriam faciat. Hiis testibus.

[B.M. Egerton MS. 2733, fo. 49 (Register of Peterborough); B.M. Lansdowne MS. 992, fo. 121 (transcript).]

LXIX

Calendar No. 411.

William II in favour of St. Martin of Troarn, concerning Horsley (1094–8).

Willelmus, Rex Anglorum, Waltero vicecomiti de Gloecestra salutem. Precipio tibi ut Horsleia, terra Sancti Martini de Troarno, sit rata et quieta ad VII hydas de omnibus querelis, sicuti unquam melius fuit in tempore patris mei. Et illa terra predicta sit in tua manu et eam custodias sic ne aliquis in eam iniuriam faciat. Testibus Hugone comite Salopesberie, et Roberto filio Haimonis. Valete.

[P.R.O. Record Commission Transcripts, Series II, 140 B (Vol. III), p. 325.]

LXX

Calendar No. 417.

King William (I or II) in favour of Westminster Abbey, concerning the gift of Robert fitz Wimarc (1078–99).

W. Dei gratia rex Anglorum O. episcopo et O. vicecomiti salutem. Volo ut sciatis vos et ceteri fideles mei quod ego concedo ut ecclesia Sancti Petri Westm' habeat terram suam quiete et honorifice cum saca et socna, eam scilicet quam Robertus filius Wimarc sibi contulit. Apud Cricklade.

[Westminster Abbey, 'Domesday,' fo. 679 v°.]

LXXI

Calendar No. 418.

William II in favour of the Holy Trinity, Canterbury (1087–99).

W. rex Angl' omnibus vicecomitibus et prepositis Anglicis et Francigenis ubicumque monachi ecclesie Cantuariensis terras habent salutem. Volo ut sciatis me concessisse eisdem monachis omnes terras et res suas, et precipio ut ipsi firmiter teneant et honorifice habeant. Et defendo ne aliquis eis iniuriam vel iniusticiam faciat, de omnibus illis rebus dico que ad monachos eiusdem ecclesie pertinent. Volo preterea et precipio ut predicti monachi potestatem habeant terras suas dandi et tollendi ubicumque eis melius visum fuerit, quicumque eas teneat. Et precipio ut homines eiusdem ecclesie predictis monachis subditi sint et subiecti et in omnibus obedientes. Testibus Ranulfo capellano et Hamone dapifero et Vrsone de Abetot. Apud Bramtonam in die Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi.

[Original, Chapter Library, Canterbury, C. 11.]

LXXII

Calendar No. 422.

William II in favour of Thorney Abbey, concerning assessments for geld, &c. (1093–9).

Willelmus rex Anglorum R. episcopo et Ran' capellano et H. dapifero et Vr' de Abetot salutem. Precipio vobis ut ita bene admensuretis abbatiam de Thorn' de geldis et scotis et seruicio militum et de omnibus consuetudinibus sicut melius admensuratus est aliquis honor in tota Anglia qui tantundem terre habet quantum est in

abbatia de Thorn'. Et si quid propter hoc inde cepistis totum reddite et sicut precepi admensurate. T. W. cancell'. Apud Roseium.

[Bodleian, Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 v° (Ex Registro Abbatiae de Thorney, penes prenobilem Mildmay comitem Westmorland, 1640).]

LXXIII

William II in favour of the Abbey of Bec (1094–9). Calendar No. 425.

Willermus rex Anglorum F. Veltrario et Isenbardo Brevario et omnibus seruientibus hanc consuetudinibus (*sic*) salutem. Sciatis quia clamo terram Sancte Marie de Surceio quietam de bernagio donec ego inquiram quomodo fuit tempore patris mei. T[este] Willelmo cancellario. Apud Rothomagum.

[Fragment of Cartulary, Archives of the Eure H. 91, fo. 39 v°.]

LXXIV

Judgement by William II in favour of the Holy Trinity of Fécamp against the monks of Saumur, concerning the church of Steyning, &c. (1094–9). Calendar No. 423.

Apud Fulcardi montem placitum fuit in curia Regis Willelmi iunioris inter monachos de Salmur et Philippum de Braiosa de his causis que infrascripte sunt. Monachi de Salmur, inter cetera que super Philippum de Braosa et super Fiscannensem ecclesiam clamabant, clamabant etiam parrochiam que ad Sanctum Cuthmannum pertinet de castello de Staninges, de Beddingas, et de Bedelinghetona. Hoc agnoscens Willelmus abbas tertius ipsi placito interfuit. Et ibi comes de Mellent Robertus perhibuit abbati et monachis eius testimonium, quod tota parrochia Sancti Cuthmanni et quicquid ad eam pertinet diracionata fuisset in curia Regis Willelmi antiquioris ad habendum ecclesie Fiscannensi absque cuiusquam calumpnia. Et quia Philippus qui presens erat hoc non contradixit, sed concessit, et monachi de Salmur similiter, concordatum et iudicatum fuit ut quicquid monachi de Salmur acceperant post mortem regis, et in decimis, et in sepulturis, et in offrendis, et in omnibus aliis rebus que pertinent ad ecclesiam Sancti Cuthmanni, reddant ecclesie Fiscannensi. Sed dum hoc prolongaretur, misit rex litteras sigillatas ad iusticiarios suos de Anglia, scilicet ad Radulfum episcopum de Cicestria, Ragnulfum capellanum, Hamonem dapiferum, et Ursonem de Abetot, in quibus precepit ut facerent ecclesiam Sancte Trinitatis habere totam parrochiam Sancti Cuthmanni et decimas, et corpora, et omnes costumas tam de viuis quam de mortuis, sicut pertinebant ad predictam ecclesiam Sancti Cuthmanni, antequam Willelmus de Braosa haberet castellum de Brembra, et quicquid de supradictis costumis monachi de Salmur ceperant reddi. In hoc placito iudices ex parte regis sederunt: Robertus comes de Mellent, Eudo dapifer, Willelmus Gifardus cancellarius, Willelmus de Wereluuast, Willelmus filius Ogeri. Ex parte Sancte Trinitatis fuerunt: Willelmus abbas, Hugo prior, Rogerius Baignart, Raherius, Philippus de Braiosa, Fulbertus archidiaconus, Rogerius filius Gerolt, Gaufridus Martel, Willelmus Grenet, Ingelrandus, Ricardus de la Mara, Odo filius Ansgeri, Willelmus Malus Conductus et alii multi.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae, 29 (1).]

LXXV

William II in favour of G. of Durham (1096–9). Calendar No. 412.

W. rex Anglie T. archiepiscopo et H. vicecomiti et R. Paganello et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis, salutem. Precipio et volo ut G. Dunelmensis modo ita bene et honorifice et in pace teneat terras et consuetudines et homines et passagios et omnes res quas modo de me tenet infra urbem et extra sicut unquam Willelmus Dunelmensis episcopus melius et quietius in vita sua tenuit. Et precipio ut nullo modo amodo aliquod geld de Norteisa interrogetur. Quia volo omnino ut dimittatur, nec aliquod namium amplius inde capiatur. T. W. episcopo et V. de Abb' et W. de Albeneio.

[Durham Cathedral, Prima Primae Regalium. No. 8 (original, sealed).]

LXXVI

William I or II in favour of the canons of St. Peter's, York (1070–1100). Calendar No. 431.

Willelmus rex Anglorum T. Archiepiscopo et G. Bainardo et omnibus

baronibus de Eboracensi scira salutem. Notificamus vobis quod tribuo Sancto Petro et canonicis ecclesie eiusdem terram liberam omni querela ad hospitalitatem faciendam atque eius necessaria, ecclesiam Sancti Petri (*sic*). Et tu Gaufride libera eam sine mora. T. Eudone Dap' et Rogerio Bigoto.

[Liber Albus, York Minster, Pt. II, fo. 62.]

LXXVII

Calendar No. 432.

William I or II, granting St. Olave, Clifton, to Count Alan (1070–1100).

Willelmus, Rex Anglorum Thirstino (*sic*) Archiepiscopo Ebor' et vic' et omnibus tenentibus Francigenis [et] Anglicanis de Eurwichscira salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Alano Comiti Sanctum Olavum Cliftonam et quicquid ad ecclesiam et ad manerium pertinet ; et volo ut honorifice habeat, &c.

[Bodleian : Dodsworth MS. 63 fo. 4 (transcript).]

LXXVIII

Calendar No. 292.

William II in favour of the Abbey of St. Edmunds Bury, concerning the soc of eight and a half hundreds (? 1087).

Willelmus rex Anglorum episcopis comitibus et baronibus et vicecomitibus ceterisque fidelibus suis salutem. Notum vobis sit quod volo ut sokna viij hundredorum et dimidii tam pleniter monasterio Sancti Edmundi modo adiaceat sicut Alfricus filius Wythgari et postea Ordgarus eam custodierunt ad manum Ymme regine matris Edwardi regis, et sicut ipsemet eam in omnibus sancto concesserat Edmundo, et post eum Willelmus rex pater meus concesserat sancto in sex forisfacturis, scilicet hamsokne, fithwyte, forestal, grithbreche, ebberethef, ferdwyte. Et hoc omnibus hominibus et Anglis et Francis interdico ut nullus eorum eandem soknam sibi attrahat nisi Sancto Edmundo et abbati. Et si quis deinceps hiis contradixerit, quis sit scire volo. T. Ædwardo[1] Sar'.

[Add. MS. 14847, fo. 32 v°.
E. H. R. xxiv. 424.]

[1] MS. ins. *Episcopo*.

LXXIX

Calendar No. 439.

William II in favour of St. Peter of Chertsey (1087–1100).

W. rex Anglie iustic' vic' ministris et fidelibus suis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Deo et Sancto Petro et abbati et monachis de Certes' omnes res et possessiones suas ubicumque sint, liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus et consuetudinibus que ad me pertinent et ministris meis, sicut aliqua ecclesia melius et liberius tenet in regno meo. Et habeant socam et sacam, tol et tem et infangenetheof et gridbriche et forestel et flemenefremthe et hamsocnam per totam terram suam, sicut carte regis Edwardi et patris mei testantur. Concedo etiam ut capiant de boscis suis ad necessarios usus suos sine aliqua disturbatione. Et habeant canes suos ad capiendos lepores et wlpes sicut habuerunt tempore patris mei. T. Vrs' de Abetot.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae, 4 (12) ; Cotton MS. Vitellius A. XIII, fo. 54.]

LXXX

Calendar No. 468.

William II in favour of St. Benedict of Hulme (1093–1100).

W. rex Anglorum H. comiti et Goscelino preposito salutem. Precipio vobis ut saysiatis abbaciam Sancti Benedicti et Ranulphum monachum de centum acris terre et sex acris prati et de iiij^or^ hominibus et de triginta acris in Burgo et de tribus bordariis, sicut ecclesia Sancti Benedicti inde erat saysita eo die quo pater meus fuit viuus et mortuus. Et sciatis quod ista terra inbreuiata fuit in meis breuibus ad opus ecclesie Sancti Benedicti qui sunt in thesauro meo Wyntonie. Et hoc testantur breves mei de c. acris terre et vj acris prati et quatuor hominibus in Wyntertona et triginta acris in Burc et iij bordariis. Testibus episcopo Dunelm' et W. cancellario.

[Cotton MS. Galba E. II, fo. 30 v°.
Monasticon III. 86 ; Bigelow, *Placita A. N.* p. 72.]

LXXXI

William II in favour of Thorney Abbey, concerning the Hundred of Normancros (1087–1100). Calendar No. 453.

Willelmus rex Anglorum omnibus vicecomitibus et baronibus suis de Huntend'-scire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Abbati et monachis de Thorneia hundredum de Normancros in feudo-firmam annuatim pro C solidis, quos volo ut reddat vicecomiti meo Huntend'. Et prohibeo ne aliquis ministrorum ⟨meorum⟩ inde eis iniuriam vel contumeliam faciat.

[Bodleian, Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 v° (Ex Registro Abbatie de Thorney penes prenobilem Mildmay, Comitem Westmorland, 1640).]

LXXXII

William II in favour of Thorney Abbey, concerning Yaxley market (1094–1100). Calendar No. 477.

Willelmus rex Anglorum R. episcopo et Ranulfo vicecomiti ceterisque suis fidelibus Francigenis et Anglicis de Huntendonascire, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesie Sancte Marie Thorneiensi mercatum ad manerium de Jakeslea quietum et tranquillum. cum soca et saca et theloneo et omnibus consuetudinibus suis, et hoc per diem Iovis unaquaque hebdomada. Testibus Hugone de Bellocampo et Radulfo Paganello.

[P.R.O. Cartae Antiquae 27 (7); Bodleian, Dodsworth Transcripts, 21, fo. 146; 85, fo. 31 v°.]

LXXXIII

William II in favour of the monks of Durham (1087–1100). Calendar No. 440.

Willelmus rex Anglie T. archiepiscopo et Willelmo Peuerello et omnibus fidelibus suis de Notinghamsire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Cuthberto et monachis eius quattuor carucatas terre et dimidiam et duas molendinas in Normant[una] et x bouatas terre in Bonintuna et terram Alfgari Cida[1] et Ulkilli patris sui[2] in Kinestana et in Bartuna et terram Godrici filii Fredegisli[3] in Gatham et in Cortingestoce et terram Oincari filii Alnoth[4] de Notingham cum saca et soca et tol et team et infangentheof omnino libere et quiete et in pace predicto Sancto concedo in perpetuum. Test'.

[Durham Cathedral Treasury, Cartul. Vetus, fo. 67.]

[1] Ælgarus (tainus Regis), *D. B.* I. 292 *b*.
[2] Vlchet, or Vlchel, *D. B.* I. 292 *b* (*bis*).
[3] For Godric, *D. B.* I. 292 *b*; for Fredghis, *D. B.* I. 288.
[4] *Cartulary* Omgar filii Altioch; but see *Feodarium*, p. lxxxiv.

LXXXIV

(Pretended) Charter of William II (?), in favour of St. Peter of York, concerning the church of Axminster (1087–1100). Calendar No. 487.

W. dei gratia rex Anglorum W. episcopo et H. de Portu et omnibus fidelibus suis de Devenescire salutem. Notificamus vobis quod tribuo Sancto Petro Eboracensi et duobus canonicis eiusdem ecclesie prebendariis, scilicet Warthulle et Grendale, ecclesiam de Axminstre cum saca et socna et cum omnibus iuribus suis et pertinentiis. Ita quod habeant et teneant predictam ecclesiam sicut aliquis alius melius et liberius honorabilius et quietius primo ipsam tenuit tempore regis Edwardi et patris mei vel ante. Testibus episcopo Dunelmensi et episcopo Lincolniensi et Bertramo de Verdona.

[P.R.O. Charter Roll, 4 Ed. III, No. 31.]

LXXXV

William II to St. Augustine's, Canterbury (1093–1100). Calendar No. 464.

W. rex Anglorum H. dapifero salutem. Precipio tibi ut facias reddi priori Sancti Augustini et monachis predicti Sancti omnes rectitudines suas de Newentona, sicut diracionatum fuit in comitatu tempore patris mei ante barones meos, sine mora. Et qui voluerit hoc interdici, fiat inde placitum in hundredo de Mideltuna vel in comitatu. T. R. episcopo per Fulch. capellanum. Apud Westmonasterium.

[Add. MS. 29437, fo. 132 (transcript).]

LXXXVI

Calendar No. 467.

William II in favour of Robert, Bishop of Lincoln (1093–1100).

W. rex Anglorum Os' vicecomiti et fidelibus suis de Lincoliascira, salutem. Sciatis quod nolo ut Robertus episcopus placitet de omnibus terris et ecclesiis de quibus Remigius episcopus saisitus fuit, die qua viuus et mortuus fuit. T. Ur' de Abet'.

[Lincoln Chapter Library, Registrum Antiquissimum, No. IX.]

LXXXVII

Calendar No. 475.

William II in favour of Thorney Abbey, concerning tolls and customs (1093–1100).

Willelmus rex Anglorum omnibus vicecomitibus suis et ministris totius regni Anglie salutem. Sciatis quod concedo abbatie de Thorn' tales consuetudines et in theloneo et in omnibus aliis rebus quales melius habuit predicta abbatia in tempore patris mei. Videte ne illi vel monachis suis super hoc aliquam iniuriam faciatis. T. W. cancellario etc.

[Bodleian, Dugdale MS. 21, fo. 146 (Ex Registro Abbatie de Thorney, penes prenobilem Mildmay, comitem Westmorland, 1640).]

LXXXVIII

Calendar No. 394.

William II confirming the soc of Bury St. Edmunds (1094–7).

Willelmus rex Anglie vicecomiti et omnibus fidelibus salutem. Mando vobis et precipio ut faciatis habere Abbati Sancti Edmundi sua viij et dimid hundreda cum omnibus consuetudinibus que ad eos pertinent, sicut unquam Sanctus Edmundus tempore regis Edwardi et patris mei et meo eas melius habuit, et sicut breves sui et carte diracionantur. Et qui rectitudines Sancti Edmundi retinuerit volo et precipio ut inde ei plenam iusticiam faciatis, quia volo ut cum magno honore et bene omnes rectitudines suas habeat. T. W. Cancellario et Eudone dapifero.

[B.M. Add. MS. 14847, fo. 33 (Album Registrum S. Edmundi).]

LXXXIX

Calendar No. 408.

William II in favour of Spalding Priory (1093–8).

Willelmus rex Anglie R. episcopo et Rogero filio Geraldi et omnibus baronibus suis de Nicolaieskira salutem. Volo et precipio ut homines de Spald' iuste reddant monachis de Spald' firmam suam et sensum (*sic*) et quod iuste illis reddiderunt tempore Yuonis Tailbois et ad illos terminos ad quos suo tempore reddiderunt, et nolo ut Osbernus vicecomes vel Colgrim de eorum rebus se intromittat donec ego ipse inde alias preceperim. T. etc.

[B.M. Add. MS. 35296 (Register of Spalding), fo. 87.]

XC

Calendar No. 476.

William II in favour of Thorney Abbey, concerning Charwalton and Twywelle (1093–1100).

Willelmus rex Anglorum Willelmo de Cahaines et Ric' Engania et R. Trameri et R. de Fornell' salutem. Precipio vobis ut iuste tenere faciatis Guntero, abbati de Thorn', terram suam de Cherwalton et de Twywelle ita quietam et solutam sicut eam melius tenuit tempore patris mei et meo. Et videte ne aliqua inde iniuria fiat ab aliquo vel a Bauduino. T. W. Cancellario etc.

[Bodleian, Dodsworth Transcripts, 21, fo. 146; 85, fo. 31 v°.]

XCI

Calendar No. 480.

William II in favour of St. Cuthbert of Durham (1096–1100).

Willelmus rex Anglie T. archiepiscopo et H. vicecomiti et omnibus baronibus et fidelibus suis de Ewerwicsire salutem. Volo et precipio ut tota terra Sancti Cuthberti ita sit libera et quieta ab omni opere castelli et ab omnibus geldis sicut

fuit tempore patris mei et die qua Willelmus Dunelmensis episcopus viuus et mortuus fuit. T. W. cancellario et Fulcone cap'. Apud Pontem Arc'.

[Durham Cathedral, Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67; Pat. Roll, 4 Ed. IV, pt. 3, m. 27.]

XCII

William II in favour of the monks of Durham (1096–1100). Calendar No. 481.

W. rex Angl' Th. archiepiscopo et R. episcopo et omnibus vicecomitibus suis et fidelibus. Francigenis et Anglicis. regni Anglie salutem. Precipio et defendo ne monachi vel homines Sancti Cuthberti ullo modo placitent vel respondeant de terris vel hominibus vel consuetudinibus vel aliis rebus de quibus saisiti erant die qua Willelmus episcopus Dunelmensis viuus et mortuus fuit; sed ita bene et quiete et in pace omnia sua, cum saca et soca et tol et team et infangetheof et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus infra burgum et extra, teneant sicut melius tenuerunt in predicto tempore. Et si quis inde postea ablatum est reddatur eis. T. W. cancellario et W. Peuerello.

[Durham Cathedral, Prima Primae Regalium, No. IV (original, sealed); Cartularium Vetus, fo. 67 v°, No. VII (copy).]

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